Legal threats follow TV auction

Thames, TV-am lose licences in bidding battle

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

franchises yesterday after a controversial blind-bid challenging the Indepen-dent Television Commission in the courts.

plier of peak-time pro-grammes to the ITV entered."

Bruce Gyngell, the TV-am network, and TV-am, the most profitable television chairman, said he would not company in the world, will go off the air in 1993 after losing their licences to higher bidders. TVS, which serves the South, and the

Thames, TVS and TSW are process and they may be now hopes to sell its morning programme to Channel 4.

Thames, which lost the Branson and Phil Redmond.

London weekday franchise to Mr Bransoo was a three-time loser in the auction and Mr Redmond's North West Television failed to oust Granada, even though it offered nearly

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four times as much





Pierre-Gilles de Gennes, of France, has woo the Nobel Prize for Physics for his work in the fields of liquid crystals, while Richard Ernst of Switzerland, has woo the chemistry prize for research into spectroscopy. Nigel Hawkes assesses their achievements Page 14



resurrected a 17-year-old Cockney lad from an old play to star in his latest novel? Joseph Connolly reviews the latest addition to the teenage market Page 16

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Edward II, whose fondness for an upstart leads to civil Derek Jarman's new film. Page 17

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THREE of the four tele- losers would have to prove vision companies that that the ITC had acted beyond lost their broadcasting its statutory powers and even then, the courts would not have the power to overturn

auction are considering thought the losers would take legal action, George Russell, the commission chairman, said: "I don't think they Thames, the biggest sup- should or will because they

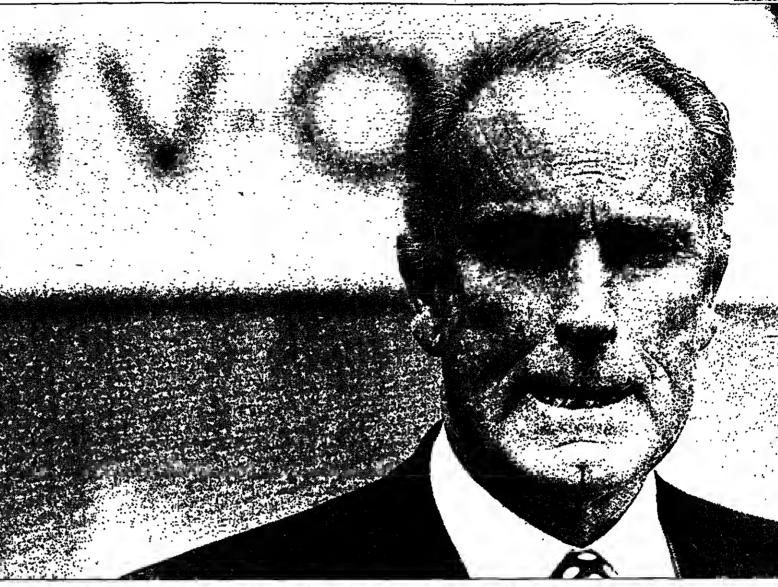
pursue the matter in the courts but he described the award of the morning franchise to Sun-rise Television a travesty. "I predict that Sunrise will be bankrupt by 1994," he said. "I West's TSW also lost their do not believe that it can be a franchises in spite of profitable company with a bid putting in bigger tenders of £34.6 million." TV-am, than their rivals. whose 17 million viewers represent 70 per cent of the now contemplating seeking a breakfast audience, offered judicial review of the selection £14 million. The company breakfast audience, offered

> Thames, which lost the London weekday franchise to Carlton Television, will shed a thousand jobs and turn itself into a production company, so that shows such as Minder. The Bill and This Is Your Life will survive, TVS and TSW, rejected because the commission thought their bids were too high for them to be able to sustain quality and profitability, are likely to be wound up

Shares in three successful incumbent companies also fell because of fears that they may have overstretched themselves with their bids, but Thames and TV-am, which mained fairly stable.

taken over by Meridian Broadcasting, and TSW will be replaced by Westcountry Television. Meridian and Carlton, which secured the London licence with a £43.2 million bid, will break new ground by commissioning all programmes, apart from local news, from independent producers.

Carlton's bid included proposals for a nightly game show and a new current affairs programme to replace This Week while Meridian offered comedy from Michael Palin, Rowan Atkinson and Tracey Ullman. But none of the winners can guarantee that the programmes promised in their applications will be shown on



Off camera: Bruce Gyngell, chairman of TV-am, grimacing outside his Camden headquarters yesterday after losing the breakfast-time franchise

regional companies and some and Meridian £36.5 million. 800 independents should appear oo the screen. .

Only half of the 16 licences went to companies that put in are thought to have good the highest cash bid - the futures as independents, re- other top bidders failed the The TVS franchise will be the criticism of the auction

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the national network. The process centred on the huge final shape of the Channel 3 of differences in the winning the future will be determined bids. Central and Scottish, unby the network controller to be opposed, offered only £2,000 appointed in 1993. He or she for their licences and Channel will decide which of the paid £1,000. By contrast, offerings put forward by the 16 Yorkshire bid £37.7 million

Granada retained its licence with a bid of £9 million against North West's £35 millioo bid. David Plowright, the Granada chairman, said: "The ITC has exercised its dis-"quality test" - and much of cretionary judgment in favour of quality in a courageous way. They have given programmes a chance.

George Russell said that had the commission simply awarded each franchise to the highest bidder, irrespective of quality, the Treasury would have gained £200 million for each of the 20 years of the franchise. Last-minute changes to the Broadcasting Act meant the Treasury would receive £40 million more than it does now. But Richard Dunn, chief

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Honecker athletes forced to use drugs

East Germany built its formidable athletics team on the back of state-supplied steroids, Nigel Hawkes reports

Secret East German docudoping of athletes with steroids to improve their performance was a full-scale. state-sponsored scientific plan under Erich Honecker's regime costing millions of marks and reaching all the way to the country's top scientific body, the Academy of Sciences.

There was no question of athletes getting their drugs slipped to them in the car park, as has happened in the West. The entire operation was conducted with teutonic efficiency and helped produce the remarkable dominance of East German athletes, especially in women's events, during the 1980s. Some women discusthrowers and shot-putters were on double the steroid dose of Ben Johnson, the

disgraced Canadian sprinter. Theses and papers uncovered by a molecular biologist from West Germany, Werner Franke, bave revealed that girls as young as 13 or 14 were given steroids under a carefully controlled programme, State Plan 14.25, to turn them into super-athletes. Their performance was monitored and improvements noted, in scientific papers that were then declared national secrets. In some cases, the doping went on even when liver damage and other side-effects had been noted.

Dr Franke was encouraged

23 dead in worst US mass killing

matic weapon drove his lorry like this." The town is located into a popular central Texas about 140 miles south of cafeteria and opened fire oo Dallas, near Fort Hood army the lunch-time crowd, killing base in an area of ranches. up to 22 people and wounding Army and civilian documes at least 15 others, televisioo d radio reports said yesterday. After the shooting rampage, the gunman went into a toilet

at Luby's cafeteria and killed himself, CBS radio reported. The shooting went on for 20 or 30 minutes, one witness told said that 22 people, including the gunman, were dead, which would make the shooting the worst mass killing in Ameri-One witness told CBS that

the man fired an automatic weapoo "as fast as he could pull the trigger". Another report said that he sat in the lorry and fired after ramming the vehicle through the window of the cafeteria about lpm (7pm London time). Robert Stubblefield, a Beli

County official, said 23 people were dead, including the unidentified gunman. Another local official, Mike Cox, said that in addition up to 15 people were wounded. A police department worker said as many ambulances as possible had been called to the scene of the mass killing.

"The guy jumped out of the truck and said, This is what Bell County has done to me!" said Sheldon Smith, a porter at the cafeteria, "As he opened fire, the guy that he ran over with the truck was trying to get up and he shot him.

"Then be pointed toward the line where the service was and he started shooting down the line." A dispatcher at the Killeen

police department, who refused to give her name, said "we called for several amhulances, as many as we can

A MAN armed with an auto- get. We've never had anything rushed to the cafeteria to treat the victims. A Luby's spokesman said that the incident was similar to a 1984 shooting incident at a McDonald's restaurant in San Ysidro. California, where 21 people died. Killeen is about 60 miles Cable News Network Police from Austin, the scene of another of the worst mass killings in the United States. where a sniper, Charles Whitman, climbed a tower at the University of Texas in 1966

and picked off 14 people

Tortured SAS men had nails torn out by Iraqis

By DAVID WATTS DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

SAS commandos captured by the Iraqis during secret missions in search of Scud missiles during the Gulf war had their finger nails pulled out as part of a grim saga of torture.

The SAS men were also burned by their traqi torturers because of the sensitivity of their mission. The revelations are the first to give details of the treatment of the army's crack troops, who played a vital role in dehilitating the Iraqi war machine.

The torture of the men is revealed hy two RAF men. Flight Lieutenant David Waddington, aged 24, and Flight Lieutenant Robbie Stewart, aged 44, whose Tornado was shot down during a raid on an Iraqi airfield. They tell their stories in a new book. Thun-der and Lightning — The R-4F in the Gulf, by Charles Allen. The airmen ejected from

their jet at 600mph at a height of under 200ft. Flight Lieutenant Stewart suffered a broken shoulder and crushed vertebrae and broke his leg in three places. He says Iraqi Baath party police picked him up. He was blindfolded and taken to an interrogation hunker where he was continuously hit across the legs with "a big stick with some sort of a ball at the end of it. He started hitting me with this and said he'd break my other leg."

Flight Lieutenant Waddingoo says guards stopped medical staff giving him an anes-thetie as they put his dislocated arm back in place. The two men were taken to a Baghdad prison where their interrogation intensified. He said he was bliodfolded throughout and hit on the head, back and legs every time he refused to answer questions. "Sometimes they'd bear me to the stage where 1'd go unconscious. Theo I'd come round and they'd ask me another up again," he said.

But there were lighter moments. One pilot landed at 5am after a mission and demanded a copy of The Times. Other papers were available but be said: " Well, I normally read The Times. Why can't you get me a copy?" Here we were with half a million Iragis up on the border about 100 miles away and he was worried about not getting his copy of The Times.

99 NHS opt-outs approved

By JILL SHERMAN AND NICHOLAS WOOD

National Health Service by and other units to become trusts oext April.

He also approved in prin-London teaching hospitals, St

the pace of reforms in the mission. However, he indicated that, in the wake of the health spokesman, claimed applications from hospitals vices might be provided in a different shape".

Mr Waldegrave also announced that he had agreed ciple bids from four leading that 153 more hospitals and health units could apply for Thomas's, St Bartholomew's, trust status for 1993. He said St Mary's and King's, hin has that nearly a third of all delayed their start until 1993 hospital and community units pending the enquiry into will have opted out of health London's health services an- authority cootrol by next nounced last week. The four April, and that if all the hospitals will be allowed to applications next year are keep their shadow trust teams approved this would rise to 50 and Mr Waldegrave made it per cent by 1993. About 30 clear they would not have to per cent of the 840,000 staff in

WILLIAM Waldegrave, the reapply for trust status, lead- the health service and 28,000 health secretary, yesterday ing to accusations that he had of its beds will be in trust swept aside calls to slow down prejudged the London com-Robin Cook, Labour's chief

approving 99 of the 110 enquiry, the hospitals' ser- amid rowdy scenes in the Commons that Mr Waldegrave was flying in the face of public and professional opinion by approving more optouts. However, Mr. Cook avoided directly repeating Neil Kinnock's jibe the day before that the Conservatives were engaged in privatising the health service. Tory MPs interpreted Mr Cook's remarks as a tactical retreat Continued on page 24, col 5

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Late commuters fight BR over docked pay

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE hard-pressed British commuter is fighting back. In the week in which the railways anounced fare iocreases far in excess of the rate of inflation, Barry Uowin and six other commuters backed by the Consumers' Association are taking legal action against BR for failing lo get them to work on time.

Summonses have been issued in the county courts, but the actions will be jointly adjudicated, probably next summer, in the High Court because of their public importance. The test case will oblige aggrieved passengers to climb a legal mountain because of BR's copperbottomed conditions of carriage that absolve it of liability for late trains. The association, however, is determined to launch a challenge under the 1977

Unfair Contract Terms Act. Mr Unwio, aged 43, a service engineer

who uses the Southend to London-Fenchurch Street line, has had his wages docked by £170 in the past 12 months for being late for work. lo Southend, he catches the 7.06am train that should complete the 40-mile journey to time for him to clock-on by 8.30am. "But I'm always getting in late and I'm sick of it," he said. "I don't blame my employers for docking my money, but why should BR

get away with it?" Mr Unwin, who earns £16,000 a year and paid £1,716 for his annual rail ticket, has been docked £8.32 twice to the past two weeks. Points and signals failure were the reasons given on dockets handed out by station staff for commuters to submit to their employers.

Jane Bell, a lawyer at the Consumers' Association, said: "Our view is that the cooditions of carriage amount to a blanket let-out, but that is its critical weakness. We don't think the conditions will stand up when challenged."

Roger Freeman, the transport minister, has accepted that service on the line, used daily by 72,000 passengers, is "wholly unacceptable". Indeed, on Tuesday, BR annunced a fare iocrease of only 5 per cent for passengers using that line, below increases elsewhere. Mr Unwio's MP, Sir Teddy Taylor,

has spoken to the prime minister four times about the line. He has been promised a decision by the end of the year oo a £300 million investment programme. Sir Teddy said: "Some of the signalling is older than me, and I am 54. Before they go oo spending more money on this stupid Channel tunnel link, they should do something about the Fenchurch Street line. It is deplorable." British Rail denied liability, but otherwise declined comment.



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Scandal-troubled Haughey goes on attack in confidence debate



Haughey: enquiries will

CHARLES Haughey, the apparently indomitable Irish prime minister, yesterday fought back against his many enemies who are trying to unseat him over financial scandals that have rocked his

two-year-old government. Opening a three-day confidence debate at the start of a new Dail term in Dublin, Mr Haughey, sounding breathless but defiant, rounded on opposition leaders who, he said, had conducted campaigns of vilification and character assassination against him.

Mr Haughey said that although none of the recent scandals in semi-state companies had any-

thing to do with the government itself, opposition leaders were trying to smear him through accusations of guilt by association. "I have already made clear, and

I repeat here again categorically, that no person or company ever received any favourable treatment or consideration in their dealings with government because of personal friendships or associations." Mr Haughey said. "This is a government of absolute integrity." he added. "I reject totally any allegations to the contrary and when all the investigations have been completed, it will be established that there was no govern-

Charles Haughey faces ordeal by confidence debate amid scandals and the lack of a policy programme, reports Edward Gorman

ment or ministerial involvement of any kind in any of the transactions or events being investigated."

Mr Haughey conceded that the financial scandals - some involving close friends or associates - at Irish Sugar, Telecom Eireann and Celtic Helicopters were deeply disturbing and detrimental to the Irish republie's image abroad. However, he said that exploita-

tion of them by his opponents had caused near-hysteria in business and professional life. "There now exists an unhealthy aura of suspicion and distrust bordering on paranoia," he told the Dail

The debate, opening what observers predict will be a particularly turbulent autumn term, comes against continued speculation about Mr Haughey's future as leader of Fianna Fáil, and the

failure of his party to agree its satisfaction before the confidence mid-term review of its provote is taken tomorrow. gramme for government with its unior coalition partners, the Progressive Democrats.

During procedural wrangling, Dick Spring the Labour party leader, said that it was a farce for the House to open a confidence debate when the coalition had not

even published its programme. Although it still looks unlikely that the Progressive Democrats would risk an election over its key demand for tax reform, party managers have threatened to vote against the government if the review is not completed to their

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In his opening speech, John Bruton, the Fine Gael leader continued his highly personalised onslaught on Mr Haughey, accuring him of oversecing a government lacking strategy and accountability, which helped to create a climate for corruption. likened Mr Haughey, whose poliitical obituary has been over hastily published several times the past decade, to an old Chine leader holding on to office in die pressing self-delusion. "This go erament is rotten to the core," N Bruton said, "and it should go."

Miners' jobs go as total out of work nears 2.5m

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

maintain the pit shafts.

A new survey today from

the Amaigamated Engineering

Union says that job losses are

accelerating in manufacturing

industry, with 32,271 announced job losses over the

two months to yesterday,

compared to 32,518 over the

four months covered in its

The survey, which the

union claims is the most

comprehensive of its kind,

shows that the largest number

of jobs lost in a specific region

over the past two months was

in the West Midlands, which

saw the loss of 4,911 jobs, or

15 per cent of the total. The

North-West, North Wales, the

East Midlands, East Anglia,

London and the Sooth-East

losses in manufacturing

☐ The independent Employ-

ment Institute says today that

industry."

unemployment.

The 103 hospitals and units

have also suffered badly.

previous survey.

BRITISH Coal announced appeal against the closure yesterday that 1,300 miners' One option being talked of for jobs were to go, as a new the pit, which was opened in survey suggested that the rate 1912, is the idea of offering it of job losses in manufacturing for sale as a stand-alone unit. was increasing sharply. British Coal said it would

The moves come as the government readies itself today for a further rise in unemployment. Economie forecasters are suggesting that up to another 60,000 will be added to the number out of work, bringing seasonally adjusted unemployment up to just under 2.5 million.

British Coal said it would close the loss-making Coventry colliery after the pit failed to meet a production target of 26,500 tonnes set in August. It said that the pit, at Keresley, which has lost £42 million over the past five years, including £5.75 million so far in the current financial year, had not met that target. Miners' unions have three weeks to decide whether to

> Pay-out scheme illegal

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

LOCAL authorities were warned to expect industrial action yesterday after the High Court ruled that councils were not entitled to offer special redundancy terms in order to shed surplus staff.

In a test case, Lord Justice loyed, is "little more than a Watkins and Mr Justice pre-election cosmetic exer-Tudor Evans ruled that, unlike private companies, councils had no power to offer enhanced redundancy terms to staff who volunteered to give up their jobs.

They declared illegal scheme set up by North Tyneside Conncil under which 650 staff were offered severance terms up to three and a half times higher than

the statutory minimum The judges said that, apart from small gratuities and pension enhancements, councils had no power to pay more than the statutory

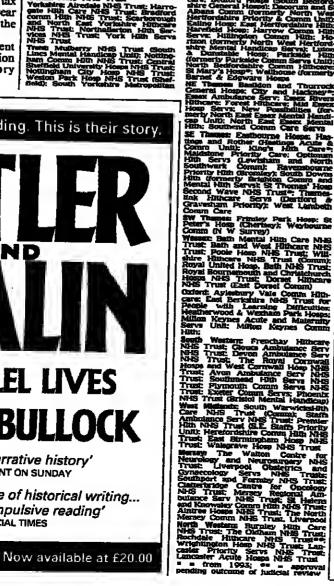
minimum. The ruling will affect more than 100 councils and poll tax payers are expected to bear most of the cost of the payments declared illegal Naigo, the local government

officers union, said the union would fight compulsory

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Their world is ending. This is their story. **PARALLEL LIVES** ALAN BULLOCK 'A titanic narrative history' INDEPENDENT ON SUNDAY 'A magnificent piece of historical writing... makes for compulsive reading'





In touch with nature: schoolchildren, wearing flower pots as blindfolds, trying to identify a tree by its smell and touch during a tree activity day at Wakehurst Place, near Ardingly, West Sussex. The test was one of seven activities aimed at allowing the children to develop their creative, constructive and explorational abilities

Sprouting elms retain forebears' fatal infection By MICHAEL HORNSBY

AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

ELMS are returning to fields Bill Jordan, the union president, says the survey and hedgerows two decades after Dutch elm disease devidentifies real people and real damage to the economy "as opposed to the politicians' astated one of the chief glories of the English landscape. But many of the fledgling growths faise claims of confidence and an upswing in the economy". He says: "We do not want to already harbour the fatal infection that killed the imbe pessimistic but the real memorial trees hymned by buth is there is actually an alarming acceleration of job

Dense clumps of young clms up to 30 ft high have sprung up from the trees that died, according to John Gibbs, a senior Forestry Commission pathologist. New stems can be found growing from the root systems of old trees up to 60 ft from the original stump.

the government's employ-ment action temporary work scheme, launched last week to help the long-term unemp-"Flare-ups of Dutch eim disease have become common throughout southern England cise". The institute says that over the past 12 months. The the programme offers too little proportion of trees affected so too late, and that it is an far is small but there is inadequate response to rising ohviously a danger of the

Ambulance services

in second wave

and landowners would be well The fungus that causes the best time for spotting signs of tion will get. The build-up in advised to fell and burn disease survived in the roots the disease, which include the beetle population is the

More than 25 million elms, including 90 per cent of those in southern England, were destroyed in the Seventies by a virulent new strain of Dutch elm disease imported into

Evans, assistant secretary of

of felled or dead trees along premature browning of the main problem. The beetles with small numbers of beetles leaves and "die-back" of the multiply by a factor of ten that carry fungal spores from tree crowns. tree to tree. Only in the past Gerry An tree to tree. Only in the past Gerry Andrews, Somerset year or so have the new elms county council's forestry of-

NEW woodlands are being Forestry Commission and the Britain, private owners

Growers United Kingdom

established at an unprece- agriculture departments of

dented rate in England, Penny England, Scotland and Wales.

Conservationists in Cannock, significant increase in the

Staffordshire, that the rate of planting of broadleaved na-

planting demonstrated the tive tree species in Britain

effectiveness of the Farm after years of decline or

Woodland Scheme, run by the stagnation. Last year in

reached a size capable of ficer, says a national campaign supporting big populations of must be launched without Britain in logs of Canadian the insects, which feed on delay to fell and burn every rockelm, a timber widely used healthy trees and breed in infected tree. "The longer we

in small boat construction. dead ones. Early autumn is the leave it, the worse the situadiseased trees is sensible. land less likely to be re-infected by neighbouring Woodland planting gathers pace

Her statement is supported the Council for the Protection by figures supplied by the and 3,577 hectares under the of Rural England, said yes-commission and Timber Farm Woodland Scheme. financed by the commission, She told a conference of the Ltd, which represents private British Association of Nature forestry interests, showing a hectares, or nearly 80 per cent of attack. But Dr Gibbs said:

the Woodland Grant Scheme,

proach was biological control, by using a virus that attacked Farm Woodland Scheme.

Of the 4,340 hectares planted in England, 3,435 resistant elms was another line

Forestry Commission of

stands, but doubt that a

gramme would be feasible.

were with broadleaves. That is "It has proved difficult to nearly ten times the area of produce trees with the shape broadleaf planting in England and growth qualities that - and four times that in the would make them attractive whole of Britain - in 1980-1. for large-scale planting."

Arts world urged to fight Clarke

each time there is a brood. So a hundred beetles today will compelled to take at least one become a million in five years' arts subject to keep the arts in the schools curriculum, Beverly Anderson, the broadficials agree that cutting down caster and educationalist, said yesterday (Simon Tait writes):

Speaking at a National Campaign for the Arts conference in London, she criticised the arts community for not doing enough for itself.

Mrs Anderson, a member of

national disease control prothe Arts Council, called for planted 11,755 hectares under chemical treatment that made Dr Gibbs said there was no lobbying against proposals by Kenneth Clarke, the edu-cation secretary, to make arts sense. A more promising apand music optional for pupils after the age of 14.

Siege enquiry

The police and Police Complaints Authority team investigating the death of Derek Wallbanks, who was shot by Northumbria police after a siege last weckend, met in Newcastle yesterday to dis-cuss the investigation as evi-dence emerged that the dead man was armed with a starting pistol which could not be fired. Police had earlier said they had returned fire after shots were fired at them.

Sweet surprise

A man aged 29 whose persistent cough had baffled doctors was found to have a plastic sweet box lid that he had swallowed 13 years ago lodged in his large. his lung. It was removed when Gavin Marshall, of Worthing. West Sussex, went into hos-pital at Midhurst after cough-CORRECTION

The open day at Stowe Gardens (Best of Britain, Weekend Times, Saturday, October 12) is Sunday, October 20, not Saturday, October 19. The gardens remain open until Sunday, October 27.



Professor flees the spartan groves

By DAVID TYTLER, EDUCATION EDITOR

Early work: one of the two pictures signed A.Hitler 'A. Hitler' pastels sell for £17,500

By PETER DAVENPORT

their signatures, the two gilt-framed pastel drawings hanging in the corner of a Yorkshire auction house yesterday would have attracted little attention. But the name A. Hitler brought more than the usual buzz of

Auctioneer Andrew Hartley holds a catalogue auction every two months at his likley sale room. But for yesterday's event, two interested hidders had reserved telephone lines and prospective purchasers from abroad, including Germany, had registered

offers by post. Lot 383 was described as a pastel still-life with flowers, signed and dated 1901 in an oval gilt-framed measuring 9% in by 111/2in. It bore the signature A. Hitler. At that time Adolf

IF IT HAD not been for Hitler would have been 12 years old.

Lot 384 was a similar still life in a smaller gilt frame, measuring just 81/2 inches by 101/2 signed and dated

Mr Hartley said that the pictures were entered for sale by a man who frequently sent items to him for anction. He wanted to remain anonymous and had apparently bought the pictures in a box of oddments at a village hall

Mr Hartley opened bid-ding for lot 383 with a preregistered £1,000 offer and it closed within two minutes with a telephone bid of £16,000. The anonymous bidder acquired the second picture for £1,500.

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biochemistry to carry on her research into the finerion of human blood at a "renowned and beautiful" college, she knew that she would have to give up some home comforts.

She left after a week fearing for the consider-

biochemistry at McGill memory."
University, Montreal, refused Yester University, Montreal, refused to name the college. Last night, back in Canada, she said: "The college accoming the function of red blood and a state of the function of red blood and the modation I stayed in was no cells from ten to four weeks different to many others. I just due to the accommodation want to warn other unsuspect-

Writing in the Oxford Magazine, Professor Johnstone says: "I had no expect- like the place where I was ation that the accommodation [at Oxford] would approach the standards to which I had 40 years. But was it too much offering". to expect a we shared by fewer without the grubby stains of years of use? A few coat hangers? A lamp to read by? The possibility to boil a cup of water? Clearly yes! None of

the above were available." ing house, but the charm sor Johnstone says.
ended inside the room, No colleges called yesterday according to Professor John-admitted being Professor

WHEN Rose Johnstone came main and only ceiling light to Oxford full of enthusiasm was muted by a decorative as a respected professor of shade - in deep red - which

Anxious to spare the blushes of her hosts, Mrs able sum of money, but retained my sanity. One more blushes of her hosts, Mrs Johnstone, professor of my sanity would be a

with which she had been provided. Would she return? "I like Oxford, it is a lovely town," she said. "I just did not living."

She wanted to make "all colleges more critical of the become accustomed in the last accommodation they are

The common kitchen at the than four others? A shower lodgings, which were "at least shared by fewer than seven a 30-minute trot to the centre others? A carpet on a floor of town" also lacked anything to boil water for a cup of tea. "We may be expected to walk on water in gratitude for the privilege of being at Oxford, but not even Oxford's greatest have managed to boil water The room was in a charm- without a receptacle," Profes-

stone. She says: "The upholst- Johnstone's host. A university ered chairs had not seen a spokeswoman said: "Many of cleaning since they were con- the old colleges are unable to structed over 50 years ago. provide accommodation The beautiful marble fireplace which is comparable with boasted an electric heater and modern standards, but they the marble had accumulated are doing their best to provide several decades of grime. The modern accommodation."

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SEVEN million car drivers the ratings of about a third of Court. He said: "Most of the

paying out £300 million on months of this year, which is are equipped with manufacequal to the amount paid in turer-fitted alarms and door equal to the amount paid in the whole of 1989.

The Association of British Insurers yesterday issued guidelines to its 450 member to give an accurate reflection companies, which will mean scrapping the present nineband rating system for cars age. They hope that pressure and moving to a 20-band from consumers unwilling to scheme to allow insurers to pay much higher premiums identify clearly cars which are will force manufacturers to most at risk from theft or most improve the security and likely to be crashed because of safety ratings of their cars. their high performance. Some owners of GTi cars, the most

£500 towards prosecution

costs after being found guilty

of distributing anti-Jewish leaflets intending to stir np

public gallery at the Central

Criminal Court when support-

ers shouted "shame" and

"absolutely disgusting" as the jury found the 78-year-old woman guilty on ten charges.

denied distributing or possess-

ing thousands of "threatening,

abusive or insulting" leaflets between April and December

Judge Capstick warned Birdwood, of Acton Vale, west

Loodon: "You should know if

you cootinue to break the law

you will go to prison." He said that the statutes under which

charges had been brought had

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face big increases in premiums the 21 million cars on the road as insurance companies at- would increase as a result of its tempt to force motorists to proposals, which should come protect their cars against theft. into force by the middle of Insurers have acted after next year. However, a third of aying out £300 million on owners would benefit from motor claims in the first six discounts because their cars

> The increase in bands allows insurers for the first time of how vulnerable cars are to theft, break-ins or crash dam-

Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, welcomed the assopopular with joyriders, face ciation's proposals at the increases of op to 80 per cent. launch of the scheme at The association said that London Motorfair at Earls

offences," the judge said.

He ordered Birdwood to

pay £500 towards prosecution costs, estimated at £1,000. She

was told that if she did not, she

The leaflets she held or distributed included "Jewish Tributes to our Child Mar-

tyrs", "The Ultimate Blasph-emy - Revelations from the

Talmud" and "Another Blood

David Paget, for the prose-

cution, said that Birdwood

had told police that she be-

lieved the Zionist element of

the Jewish community was

Birdwood told the jury: "The essence of this case is

whether in a free country there

can be free speech, even

involving the most controver-

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Birdwood guilty

in race hate case

By A STAFF REPORTER

THE Dowager Lady Bird- offence in the course of the

wood was conditionally dis-charged and ordered to pay to be sentenced for these

Judge Capstick ordered the was liable to be called before

She had defended herself and Libel oo Ritual Murder".

cars at the show here are worth £10,000, £20,000 or even £25,000 and yet people treat them with incredible casualness. This new scheme should discourage people from buy-ing high-risk cars and also encourage them to make the effort to make their cars

Mr Baker has given the car makers until Christmas to come up with definite proposals for preventing car thefts and break-ins, which account for 28 per cent of all recorded crime. More than 500,000 cars are stolen annually and 750,000 broken into. He is angry that cars which have highly developed performance are relatively easy to steal. That has led to an increase in joyriding, which helped to spark riots recently on Tyneside and in Oxford. Car makers who have

adopted new security systems are already being rewarded with recognition by the association's new ratings system. A Vauxhall Cavalier 1.6L, for example, is rated in group 4 of the present ratings scheme, representing about a 50 per cent risk on security, safety and performance. However, the car gets a rating of six out of 20 in the new bandings, enting a risk of almost 25 per cent.

Cars in the highest band (20) include the Lotus Carlton and the Mercedes 500 SL. The Golf GTI is at 14, the Astra GTE 16 valve at 15 and the Renault 5 GT Turbo at 14 along with the Fiesta XR2i. High power saloons such as the Sierra Cosworth (16), Rover 820si (16) and the Mercedes 190 2.0E (13) also figure among the upper bands.

Traditional repmobiles such as the Ford Sierra 1.8 LX and the Vauxhall Cavalier 1.6 L hover around the halfway mark at 9 and 6 respectively. Cavalier SRi, Audi 80 1.8 and Granada 2.0 Ghia all make it into band 12. Rover 214si, Toyota Corolla 1.3GL and the Citroen BX19 GTD all come within band 8. Those at the bottom of the bandings include the Volvo 440 in band 5, been enacted under govern-ments of different political persuasions, and that everythe Volkswagen Polo 1.0 CL in band 4 and the Vauxhall anyone had been incited by Nova 1.0 Trip in band 3. The Rover Mini City is in band 2.



Westward bound: the Prince and Princess of Wales photographed by Lord Snowdon to mark their six-day visit to Canada, which starts next Wednesday

Island's wild mice aid cancer research

By KERRY GILL

FARAY, a tiny uninhabited outcrop in the Orkney islands, has had little of which to boast apart from sheep, seals, seabird colunies and a healthy populatioo of former house mice that have become wild. But those mice have a possibly unique genetic make-up.

Faray could find itself at the forefront of cancer research as scientists study the mice. Two British hiologists based in the United States have spent a week in a disused schoolhouse on the island, collecting 30 of the mice, which were tempted into live traps by peanut

Research oo the mice will help the American Natinnal Institute of Health in its work on cancer associated oncogenes. Almost by chance it was found that the Faray mice have few oncogenes, making them less susceptible tn cancers.

Andrew Berry, a hiologist working at Princeton University, was asked to bring back some of the mice for analysis. He went to Faray with Naomi Pierce, who works with Australian butterflies, to trap the mice.

Professor Berry said that the mice had arrived in London where a colony would be bred in a laboratory. DNA extracts from them would be sent to America where it has been found that mice in some sites lose their genetic coding seose over three or four generations and may, in time, become noo-carcinogenic.

Man, 19, gets life for 'racial' murder

A WHITE man aged 19 was given a life seotence yesterday for the murder of a black schoolboy in an attack that a judge decided was partly motivated by race hatred.

The prosecution at the Old Bailey had said that there was no race motive for the stabhing of Rolan Adams, aged 15. by Mark Thornhurrow, Hnw-ever, Judge Richardsoo, QC, said that the victim had done nothing to deserve the attack and that after hearing the evidence and reading statements by Thornburrow, he was sure that there were "racial overtones". He added: That is something which the courts will nut tolerate."

Relatives and friends of the dead boy cheered and clapped in the public gallery when the jury returned a guilty verdict after the eight-day trial.

Thornburrow, of Thamesmead, southeast London, stabbed the boy in the neck with a hutterfly knife after a huild-up of tension at the Hawksmoor Youth Club in Thamesmead. He claimed that he had acted in selfdefence.

Jean Southworth, QC, for the prosecution, said that the boy and his brother were waiting at a hus sinp when Thornhurrow ran up behind Rolan Adams and attacked him. The boy ran nff hut died some distance away.

When arrested Thornburrow told police that Rolan had spat in his face. He also said: "I can't believe he is dead. I saw him run away. There is no way I did that."

Helpline for winter relaunched

By DAVID YOUNG

THE government and the three major charities responsible for the elderly are to relaunch their "Winter Warmth Line" this winter to provide information for vulnerable people to help them to keep warm and well.

Last year the service han-dled 15,000 calls from elderly people requiring practical help and advice during the cold weather. It is funded by the departments of health and social security and run from the headquarters of Help the Aged with support from Age Concern and Neighhourhood Energy Action. The number is Freephone 0800-289-404

The phone line is supported by brochures giving details of help available.

Artificial heart can plug into the mains

By THOMSON PRENTICE, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

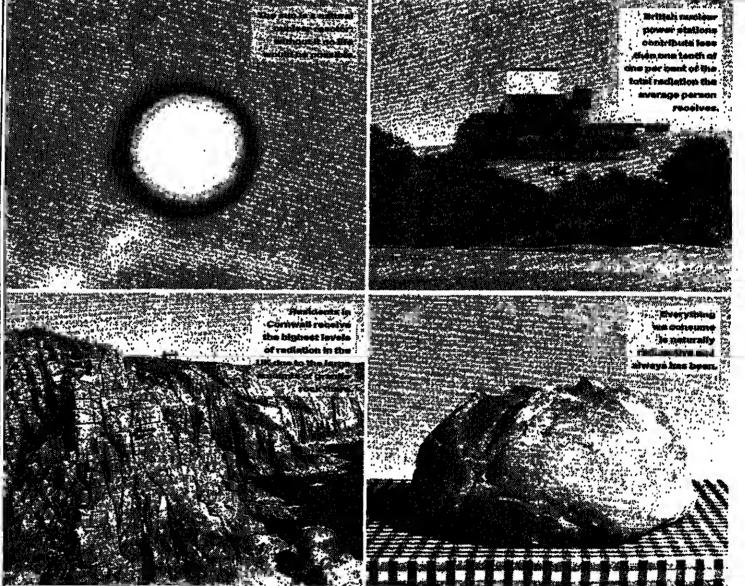
disease io a trial in British hospitals oext year.

unsuitable for a conventional heart transplant will be offered an international meeting of the device, which can also be cardiologists in London next powered by mains electricity supplies at home. The artificial unit, an electro-mechanical left ventricular with medical therapy. Half the assist device, is inserted into patients will be given the the patient's heart and connected to a rechargeable bat-

tery under the arm. The battery runs the heart for about eight hours, but if Many patients waiting for a linked to the domestic mains heart transplant die because of supply patients could watch a shortage of donor organs, television or sleep "without worry of power loss", Terence plant unit at the Freeman Lewis, a consultant cardiac surgeon said yesterday. "The Tyne, said yesterday.

BATTERY-powered artificial aim is that they should be able hearts will be implanted in to live an active near-oormal patients with severe cardiac and independent life again; hopefully, returning to work."

Mr Lewis, of the Royal Aboot 20 patients who are London hospital, will give details of the planned trial at week. The trial will assess the quality of life, survival of patients and costs compared titanium device, developed in America and costing op to £30,000. The others will get drugs and intensive care. hospital, Newcastle-upon-



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Yaroooh! Bunter is back

LITERARY EDITOR

YAROOOH! you beasts. Look out! Bunter is back. The Fat Owl of the Remove is being republished, with Mr Quelch, Harry Wharton, and the rest of the famous five at Greyfriars.

Along with Falstaff and Mr Pickwick, Bunter is one of the overweight comic characters of Eng. Lit. and formed the sense of humour and (bizarre) ideas about public school for generations of children who never went there. George Orwell wrote that Bunter and his creator Frank Richards had more influence on the mind and outlook of young working-class England than any other single person, not excluding Baden-Powell.

But Bunter has been out of print for so long that the young have never heard of him, and look at you blankly when you mention his name. Hawk Books are tomorrow relaunching the yellow-jacketed novels of the famous anti-hero, in his bulging sponge-bag trousers, as they originally appeared in the Fifties.

Bunter, of course, has been with us for much longer than that. He made his first appearance on February 15, 1908, as a minor comic-strip character in Magnet. But he rapidly became a national institution. He is lazy, untidy, deceitful, a thief, and always hard-up. Children loved him.

He first graduated from comics into books in 1947. Those Bunters are now much treasured and an original fetches at least £80. But you cannot keep a fat boy down in the land of costalgia. He is due for a 38 original Bunters starting tomorrow.



renaissance, no doubt still expecting a postal order any day now. He was the child of Frank Richards, pen name of Charles Harold St John Hamilton, the most prolific author in the long grind of scribbling. This reclusive classical scholar, using more than 20 pen names, inventing over 100 fictional schools, wrote more than 72 million words of fiction in his lifetime, the equivalent of 1,000 novels. But his imperishable creation is William George (Billy) Bunter, who has passed into the common stock of language and image, and occupies a (wide) seat in the

hall of English literature. Hawk Books will publish facsimiles of all

Whose finger will be on Channel 3's control button?



Dyke: one of the five

THE person who will have more influence over what appears on the new Channel 3 than any of yesterday's winners has yet to be chosen. Even the criteria by which the successful candidate will decide which programmes to buy and when to broadcast them, come

1993, is as yet undetermined. The winning independent television companies have three months to devise an independent central scheduling system that will deprive them of their right, beld for 35 years, to schedule their own programmes. Only next spring will they be ready to hire the person who will have the power to pick and choose from the offerings of the 15 regional Channel 3 companies, as well as Britain's 800 independent producers. Uoder the 1990 Broadcasting Act, nooe of the

that the dramas, comedies and documentaries promised in their applications will materialise on the national independent network.

Nor can they prevent those they have defeated, such as Thames and TVS, from selling their own programmes to the octwork as independents. Though Thames lost its licence, programmes such as The Bill and This Week will still appear on the small screen after 1993 if the central scheduler wants

The search for that all-important scheduler has already begun, but with Michael Grade tied to Channel 4 with £500,000 "golden hand-cuffs", the successful candidate is likely to be poached from a big ITV company - winner or loser. Names bandied about include: Greg Dyke.

Melinda Wittstock reports on the need for an influential and powerful central television scheduler and, below, looks at the winners in the great franchise auction

managing director of London Weekend and a major backer of Sunrise; Andy Alian, managing director of Central Broadcasting; Steve Morrison, director of programmes at Granada; Charles Denton, managing director of Zenith Productions; and David Elstein, director of programmes at Thames.

Before anyone will agree to take the job, they will want to see the job description. Disagreement is expected among winners and independent producers on how much power the central scheduler should be given. During a Royal Tele-

vision Society debate oo central scheduling last month, Andrew Quinn, managing director of Granada, said new licencees "should not surrender their sovereignty" to the central scheduler. But independent producers disagree. Mr Denton, one of the likely candidates, said the central scheduler must have executive decision-making power outside the independent television companies' direct cootrol if independents are to get a fair

hearing. If yesterday's winners fail to agree on the new system by

January 31 1992, as is feared, the Independent Television Commission will impose a new system. Independent Television Com-The Office of Fair Trading, which wants independent television networking arrangements opened up to public scrutiny, has until next July satisfy itself that the new arrangements are fair and open. Three months is oot long to

establish the system by which independent television's success will be guaranteed or lost. Disputes are expected over the size, structure and location of the central scheduling unit, as well as whether independents may completely bypass the independent television companies and take their proposals direct to the central scheduler.

Leslie Hill, chief executive of Central Television which retained its licence unopposed, said: "It is

Either way, the winners will have difficulty agreeing on the size of their contributions to the annual network budget, likely to be set and the present rate of £450 million in the first year. Central, which pends

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just £2,000 a year, will have a hard time agreeing with, for instance Yorksbire, which bid £37.7 million a year. A decision by leading the licensees to cut expenditure could mean the difference between 2007 hours of original network drams and 110 bours of drama with 90 hours of repeats.

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LONDON WEEKDAY

Slimline victor will create wave of change

MICHAEL Green has long its programmes, except re-coveted Thames Televisioo's gional news, from indepenousted Thames in the biggest affairs programmes. upset of the auction, has looked forward to this day since 1985, wheo the Independeot Broadcasting Auth-ority blocked his £82.5 million said yesterday: "I'm delighted takeover bid for Thames.

ruled that a Carltoo bid would long believed that some of the lead to a "major change in the best production ideas and nature and characteristics" of creative talent comes from a viable independent tele- within the the independent visioo company, but only after sector, where the quality of Richard Dunn, who had been ideas are all that counts." managing director of Thames regulator to stop the bid.

It was that ruling, broadthe way for yesterday's decision. Not only does Mr

PROMISES: £80 million programme budget, eight hours of local programming weekly and 500 hours of network programming annually; will replace This Week with a new current affairs programme, Seven

Green hate to lose, but his loss 'Cleared for Takeoff, an action at the hands of the Thames drama series about airline thority strengthened the re- a nun leaving her enclosed solve of the Thatcher govern- order; and Routes, an early ment to break up what it evening soap opera created by perceived to be a cosy insid- Julia Smith, the producer of ers club with a cold draft of EastEnders, about two famderegulation.

Mr Greeo is already very much a part of that club. His Buckinghamshire millhouse was filled with the wbo's who of the British broadcasting Mr Jackson's company; Humestablishment last year when he married Tessa Buckmaster, who works for Carltoo Communications. His close frieods Michael Grade, chief executive of Chanoel 4, and Alan Yentoh, cootroller of BBC2, sat with the couple at the head table. John Birt, deputy director-general of the BBC, and David Elstein, director of programmes at Thames, also

Green, aged 42, one of Britain's wealthiest men with a its reputation with investi-personal fortune of £50 mil- gative documentaries such as personal fortune of £50 mil-lion, becomes one of the club's the award-winning Island of most powerful members. He is Outcasts, about mentally ill likely to become still richer now that he can add British commercial television's most lucrative franchises to the £1 hillion television production, facilities and editing company he founded in 1973. Carlton also has a 20 per cent stake in Central, which retained its ticence unopposed with a hid of just £2,000 a year.

Mr Green has the tenacity and business acumen that has been lacking in the television industry. He stands ready to revolutionise the independent television system in a way even be might not have contemplated back in 1985.

The awarding of the largest ITV licence to Carlton, whose £43.2 million outbid Thames by £10.7 million, will create waves of structural change throughout television, forcing thousands of programme makers out of secure jobs.

Unlike Thames, which proposed to retaio its studios and its 1,300 employees to remain a large programme maker as well as a broadcaster, Carltoo chose an altogether different formula, which let it keep its cost base low enough to outbid Thames and still coovince the commission it could put quality programmes on the air. Carlton, which will employ just 400 people, will buy in all

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lucrative franchise. The chair- dent producers with proven man of Carltoo Commun- records in drama, light enterications, which yesterday tainment, factual and current

Paul Jackson, Carlton's programme director and an independent producer of alterakeover bid for Thames,
Six years ago the authority with this new opportunity for the independent sector, I have Carlton, which is offering

for just a week, asked the more than 500 hours of new programmes to the ITV network in 1993, has already casters oow say, that paved invested over £2 millioo in developing 70 new programmes from 30 independent productioo companies which between them have won 120 awards. Much of Carlton's drama output will be supplied by

Zenith, Carlton's 51 per centowned subsidiary, which produced Inspector Morse, Byker Grove and the acclaimed drama-documentary Shoot To Kill. Viewers can expect management and the an- security; *Body and Sout,* abou

> ilies in the transport business. Comedy will be supplied by five independents: Hat Trick, makers of Channel 4's Drop the Dead Donkey, Nocl Gay, edy dramas under the title Comedy Playhouse, and new

satire shows being developed. Carlton plans to replace This Week, Thames' 20-yearold current affairs programme, with Seven Days, a half-hour show made hy Clau-With yesterday's news, Mr dia Milne, whose company Twenty Tweoty Vision made

> Greek Island. Regional programmes will run from 5.10pm to 6.30pm Monday to Thursday, with the Carlton News Hour starting at 5.30pm and enveloping ITN's News at 5.40. Regular regional bulletins will be broadcast through the day.

LONDON WEEKEND

Weekend Television were well

on their way to becoming

millionaires yesterday as its

shares climbed on the oews

that they had succeeded in

retaining their franchise with a

much smaller than expected

LWT bid £7.58 million

compared with the £35.4 mil-

lion tendered by London In-

dependent Broadcasting, a

consortium of high-powered

London independent produc-

ers which failed to pass the

Uoder a "golden handcuff"

bonus and share optioo

scheme introduced two years

ago to ensure the loyalty of 44

key executives. Christopher

Bland, the chairman, and

Greg Dyke, the managing

director, almost trebled their

mooey as LWT shares jumped

But it is oot just the

ceot of the company - they The Guardian and include Melvyn Bragg, the arts chester Evening News.

executives who get 14.7 per

53p to 198p yesterday.

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THE ITV WINNERS Existing iloance holder New licence holder BORDER C YORKSHIRE CENTRAL GRANADA HTV LWT WEST COUNTRY

WINNERSANDLOSERS Region Winner Losers Cariton Communications (90%)/ Daily Telegraph (5%)/Rizzoli Corriere della Sera (5%) London weekend (10.57m viewers) LWT (incumbent) Bid 27.58m TVS (incumbent, £59.8m)/Carton (£18.1m)/CPV-TV (£22.1m, falled Meridian Broadcasting Bid 236.5m South and Southeast MAI (65%)/Central TV (20%)/SelecTV (15%) North West TV (£35.3m, falled quality) North West 6.33m viewers! Bld £9m Yorkshire Television (incumbent) Bid £37.7m Yorkshire (5.43m viewers) Three East [£14.1 m]/CPV-TV (£10.1m, failed quality) (3.858m viewers) Anglia Television (incumbent) Bid £17.8m Institutional investors C3W (£17.8m)/Mertin (£19.4m, falled quality)/C3WW (18.3m, falled quality) HTV (incumbent) Bid £20.5m Wales and the West (4.298m viewers) TSW (Incumbent, (£18.1m, overbid)./ TeleWest (£7.3m, failed quality) Westcountry Television Bid £7,8m Associated Newspapers (20%)/ Brittany Ferries (15%)/South West Water (20%)/TriBon (10%) South West England (1.52m viewers) TVni (£3.1m, failed business plan)/ Lagen (£2.7m failed quality) Ulster Television (Incumbent) Bld £1.02m Institutional investors North East Television (£5m) Tyne Tees Television (Incumbent) Bld £15,1m Institutional investors North Scotland (1.095m viewers) C3 Caledonia (£1.13m), North of Scotland TV (£2.71m) Local businessmen Border Television Bid £52,000 Local businessmen (629,000 viewers) Chase Nominees (8%)/Scottish Amicable (7%)/ Phildrew Nominees (5.7%)/Bank of Scotland (6.8%) Central Scotland (3,557m viewers) Scottish Television Bid £2,000 Channel Television (incumbent) £1,000 Channel Islands Communications (100%) C13 (£102,000, failed quality)

SOUTH COAST

CHANNEL

Now for someone quite familiar

the stars the company plans to

Meridian's board, which in-cludes the actor Michael Palin, Bill Cotton, the former BBC Televisioo managing director, and Sir Richard Luce, the former arts minister, raised £36.5 million funding to win the bid and draw up its coovincing schedules.

Palin, who is io Kenya making a travel programme, said: "I joined with the zebras, giraffes, hyenas and greater kudus in rejoicing at this wonderful news. Our approach was serious, practical and realistic and it paid off."

LWT's stars, including the

comedy partnership Hale and

Pace, Blind Date's Cilla Black,

Jeremy Beadle, Brian Walden and Michael Aspel, signed

three-year contracts worth

about £500,000 a year each to

Celebrations cootinued at

the company's South Bank

PROMISES: to continue

as integrated prodocer-

broadcaster with no-

changed staff of 640; will

try to improve regional

co-operating with Carlton.

beadquarters with the news that Sunrise TV, in which

LWT has a 20 per cent stake,

displaced TV-am to win the

national breakfast licence.

Sunrise's other sharebolders

include Walt Disoey, Scottish

Televisioo and Guardian

Newspapers, publishers of The Guardian and Man-

secure their loyalty.

people incarcerated on a The company says it will create three new broadcasting regions in place of the current two in the South and South-East of England. It aims to develop programmes with performers who include Rob-bie Coltrane, Rowan Atkinson and Tracey Ullman. The com- and Newbury.

Golden handcuffs

unlock fortunes

EXECUTIVES of Londoo controller - who will benefit.

INDEPENDENT television pany is 65 per cent owned by viewers in what is the richest regional area in Britain will services group MAI, 20 per already be familiar with one of cent by the successful Mid-

parts of Surrey and Essex.

PROMISES: to commis sion network drames and comedies from independents; create three news regions, based in Maid-stone, Southampton and Newbury, each with own nightly news bulletin and current affairs magazine.

Sussex, south Hampshire, the million. Isle of Wight and parts of Dorset and Surrey, and Meridian West will cover Berkshire, North Hampshire and the Thames Valley. The company plans oews production centres in Southampton, Maidstooe

BREAKFAST TIME

Viewing figures represent total possible audience

Sunrise offers good cheer and more information

cent by the successful Mid-lands bidder Central TV and 15 per cent by the independent producer SelecTV.

Meridian South-East will cover Kent, East Sussex and

am as the new national breakfast contractor.

Cartoons will disappear from the weekday screen in 1993, to be replaced by children's news and current affairs bulletins. Sunrise, backed by LWT, Scottish TV, Walt Disney and The Guardian, won the lucrative licence after outhidding both TV-am, Britain's most profitable station, Meridian South will cover Daily Telegraph-backed rival, Brighton, Southampton, West with a cash offer of £34.6

TV-am's sofas may be replaced by the Sunrise oval breakfast table, but the new morning programme, Day-Break, will cootinue in TVam's cheerful, lively vein.
"We are appealing to the
current viewers whom we

CARLTON

Happy day: Michael Green, Carlton's non-

executive chairman, in winning mood

GOOD morning Britain. It's don't want to lose," said Liz ence out there is mostly fam and here is the news just Howell, Sunrise's director of downmarket, mostly women about everyone in the tele-programmes. "But we will and mostly outside London," attract the large numbers of Mr Braham said. people who don't watch break-Sunrise promises viewers a fast television at all with more

news and more information." Unlike Daybreak, TV-am's other challenger, Sunrise felt it would be risky to tamper too PROMISES: national and

international news plus local news, weather and traffic for 18 regions; health, education, and arts on DayBreak Plus later in morning. Children's cartoons at weekend only.

moch with TV-am's highly successful format. "It would be a big mistake to jerk it upmarket," said Michael Braham, a non-executive director of Sunrise and independent producer who will supply Sunrise's Sunday morning current affairs magazine, SundayBreak, as well as its 8:50am weekday magazine, DayBreak Plus. "The audi-

rolling news programme, with local news, weather and traffic "opt-outs" (area transmis-sions) for the 18 ITV regions and sub-regions. Regional ITV companies will supply six three-minute bulletins every weekday. Iodependent producers will provide a daily regional feature for each of the 18 opt-outs, while Live Link will bring a live outside broadcast each morning.

Children will get their own news bulletins at 7:20am every morning with children's programmes, including Disney cartoons dominating Saturday mornings. From 8:50am on weekdays, when 70 per cent of the breakfast audience are women, Day-Break Plus will cootain features ranging from health, diet, stress and yoga to educatioo and reviews of books, films and videos.

SOUTHWEST

Highlight on news for region

hackbone Westcountry Television's successful bid for the South-West regioo was the provision of news and current affairs.

programmes for the area.
The company, whose principal shareholders include
Associated Newspapers, Brittany Ferries and South West Water, has John Baoham, CBI director-general, as chairmandesignate and has submitted a planning application to build studios in Plymouth.

Frank Copplestooe, aged 66, the company's deputy chairman, was managing di-rector of Southern TV, which lost its licence to TVS in the last round of franchise awards teo years ago.

He is a broadcasting veteran, having entered the TV industry in 1957 after leaving the army. Colleagues say he is a born leader. He was president of the National Union of

PROMISES: regional news opt-outs for Truro, Exeter and Barnstaple; more coverage ou education, health, crime prevention, environment and transport; more weekend news.

Students during his time at Nottingham University and wheo serving in the army helped others after being wounded on the Normandy beaches.

Mr Copplestone, aged 66, acted quickly hy yesterday recruiting John Presscoti-Thomas, the BBC's regional head. The company has al-ready reruited LWT's Richard Myers and TV-am's Jane Clarke. Full details of schedules are still secret, but two

subjects to be screened will be sailing and rugby. Among the first tasks for WCT is to find an emblem to market a corporate image representing its image for the South-West, but the involvement of South West Water PLC and Associated Newspapers in the new company has already led to local criti-cism. South West Water is seen as a controversial backer, in light of the highly publicised Camelford water poisoning iocident in North-Cornwall and Associated Newspapers owns large parts.

Central poised to be leading player CENTRAL Independent Tele- owns 20 per cent of Central.

visioo stands to become the oew Channel 3.

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£2,000 a year, guessing correctly that it would be unopposed io the bidding. The cost at 1993 prices amounts to just over £5 a day.

Central, the second largest ITV company with an audience of nine million, now has the chance to become the most profitable. Best known for as Inspector Morse and Spitting , when the moratorium on take-Image, Central has the financial muscle to make it the biggest contributor to the national octwork.

Meridian Broadcasting had displaced TVS in the South of this year, is spearheading a and South-East was welcome campaign to relax cross-ownnews for Central, which has a ership curbs preventing ITV

However, the hidden cost of most powerful player in the Central's derisory bid is vulnerability to takeover by The station gambled with European media giants, who the bliod hidding procedure are free to acquire ITV comand won: it put to a bid of just panies from January 1994

PROMISES: to continue as integrated producerbroadcaster, invest £18 million on new Birmingham TV centre; more than 100 regional news bulletins weekly; to establish Oxford centre for TV history.

overs expires. It is not surprising, therefore, that Leslie Hill, chairman and chief executive of Central TV, who last week Yesterday's news that disclosed a 50 per cent drop in pre-tax profits for the first half 20 per cent share in Meridian. companies from acquiring Mea owbile, Carlton continental broadcasters, or, Communications, which yes— as he puts it, from "growing to terday displaced Thames, a reasonable size" in Britain. has put forward. The is that Astronading." Gam

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LOSS of a commercial tele- shareholder with 56 per cent, viewers switched channels. vision franchise used to mean certain death at the hands of a liquidator. Now, fortunately for yesterday's losers, it promises a new life in a different

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Mooths before the Independent Television Commissioo confirmed industry speculation that Thames Televisioo would lose its licence to Carlton, Thames executives had put together a confidential

contingeocy plan. It will involve at least 1,000 redundancies, but Thames will emerge as Europe's most powerful independent pro-ducer and programme distributnr, it claimed yesterday. Under the plan, Thames will close its Euston headquarters but keep open its Teddingtoo studios, and concentrate entirely on producing peak-time popular hits such as Minder. The Bill and This Is Your

These, along with other million a year in hid payments, about £30 millioo a year in advertising revenue taxes and about £10 millioo in transmitter costs. With staff reduced from 1,300 to just 200

complete change in management attitudes. Robin Foster, into regionally based indepenmedia consultant at the National Economic Research Association, said: "Thames is gramme suppliers. By 1994, not used to competition in network supply, they will need to readjust the way they operate. They may need to form liaisons with others in Europe to bring in such

expertise."

There is life after death for yesterday's other losers, although none will find it so programmes in its 9,000-hour easy as Thames. TV-am, library, will be sold to which lost to Sunrise, hopes to library, will be sold to which lost to Sunrise, hopes to independent television and move its popular breakfast the BBC. "We can be more programme ooto Channel 4 in profitable this way," Thames 1993. Although Liz Forgan, said. Being forced out of Channel 4's director of probroadcasting will save £32.5 grammes, ruled out the proposal last mooth, Michael Grade, the chief executive, is uoderstood still to be interested.

TV-am, which oow reaches 70 per cent of the breakfast or 300, Thames's overheads audience, could greatly in-will be cut significantly. crease Channel 4's morning

Anger and tears as losers hear news

By JAMIE DETTMER

NEVER bave so many journalists got so wet for so little. As the scrums of reporters and photographers waited impatiently outside Thames pledged last night to stand by The move would bring Chan-Television and TV-am yes-Thames to help it to develop oel 4 about £20 millioo in terday, only the traffic warinto a powerful US-style stu- extra revenue each year, but dens seemed happy to work in dio - a home for writers and could impair the financial producers who would be health of Sunrise, which bid the downpour, placing tickets on the press cars. "published" under the £34.6 million to unseat TV-Thames name. Thames will am. The breakfast channel's

"Go away," a ferocious guard at TV-am said wheo he also consider launching one or other options include joining a was asked whether reporters two channels on Astra, the consortium bidding for the were allowed inside. "Go away," said an equally aggresvia which BSkyB broadcasts. provider, or linking up with sive doorman at Thames's However, to succeed in a Sky News, the 24-hour news beadquarters in Euston Road, The other losers - TVS and Few staff at either company

were keen to talk to reporters

immediately after the news dents, merging with others to broke that the Independent become more powerful pro-Televisioo Commission had turned down their bids. Many when takeover restrictions are felt that the newspapers were abandoned, they could take over a winning Channel 3 partly responsible for the changes in the franchise system. "The feeling is that the stunned," said a televisoo newspapers egged oo the government in its reform plans leagues, did not want to be TVS, however, has already told its shareholders that its "preferred strategy" will be to and supported ministers when named. wind the company up. TSW, they attacked controversial worth little more than the break-up value of its assets, is also likely to be wound up by



Studio exit: Trish Ingrams, the Thames presenter, leaving yesterday

bid shortly before 10am from leagues, did not want to be

"The last few days have programmes during Mrs been rather exciting as we

heard that they had lost the Christmas. But the present is Dunn told them that the new rather horrible." A few people cried, although many looked He warned them that a thou-

misty-eyed. Shortly before 10.30, hundreds of the staff gathered in studio five to listen to Richard Dunn, Thames's chief executive. Others remained at statement on the firm's close- pressed about redundancy should worry about the

franchise system was unfair. sand jobs would have to go by 1993 but the company would survive as Britain's largest

independent production firm. Duno was asked by staff were Thatcher's time in office," a have waited to find out what their posts and heard his hostile and fears were exThames News journalist said. would happen. The atstatement on the firm's closepressed about redundancy should
Most of Thames's 1,400 staff mosphere has been a bit like circuit television system. Mr terms. Even so, the chief viewers."

the eod of the meeting. "I think it was the herd habit. They thought they were a studio-audience, I suspect," a staff-member said.

At a small wake in the ocarby Prince of Wales' Feathers pub, most of the talk was about job prospects. "If this had happened two years ago, it would have been okay, there were a lot of jobs io television around then," a young man said to a group of depressedlookiog people. "No 1 woo't have a double, I've still got to get a programme out," someone shouted over the crowded

A mile away io Camdeo, oorth London, TV-am staff also decided to drown their sorrows. In the Oxford Arms, there was laughter and tears. There was also anger, with staff complaining that TVam's bid was too low, a claim made by Thames staff as well.

At the studios, David Frost, TV-am presenter and one of the founders of the station, left in a Rolls-Royce saying "there is great sadoess". He cootinued: "When I was at school I was told the important thing was not winning but taking part I did not believe it then and I certainly do not believe

Ulrika Jnnsson, the statioo's weather forecaster, said: "It's a travesty. The whole Most of the questions Mr affair is dreadful. It's a very, very sad day, but you should hostile and fears were ex- not be worrying about me, you

Redmond astonished by defeat

By RONALD FAUX

rejected in favour of a £9 milsaid he was astonished and disappointed when the decision reached his Liverpool

headquarters yesterday. North West had spent more coosidered, be told a press conference. "Our board meets

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Mr Redmood, who is head front Beat oo BBC1 and that North West seemed to North West had not.

is just astounding."

TVS may take legal action

was considering its options, including the possibility of the ITC deci Agnew, the TVS chairman, said: "We are surprised and bitterly disappointed that the and with full regard for the

Steve Harris, chairman of only to fall at the water jump. mittee, issued a written state-He was surprised that other ment saying. "We particularly companies had cleared the regret that this is the result of a quality threshold whereas grossly inequitable and unjust system of allocation." He criticised the government's handling of the bidding process and claimed it was part of a broader attack oo broadcast

The company said that it than £1 million on making its asking for a judicial review of licence has oot been awarded

Staff leaving work in som-bre mood said they had been ordered oot to speak to the press. Management also declined to comment.

executive of North West Tele- action yesterday over the Invision, whose £35 millioo bid dependent Television Comfor the Granada franchise was mission's decisioo not to grant it a franchise, and union lion bid by the incumbent, members at its Southampton headquarters expressed regret and disappointment.

of Mersey Television, which vision had prepared its has Grange Hill and Water application with great care Brookside oo Channel 4, said | ITC's requirements." have cleared Beechers Brook the joint shop stewards com-

when the two bids were so wide apart was "a bit odd". He added: "Looking at our regional proposals, they were so exceptional, so iooovative, much higher than anyooe anywhere else in the system has put forward. The decision

Thorn EMI, its biggest ratings as its loyal 17 million

By Peter Victor

PHIL Redmood, the chief TVS was considering legal

The choice of Granada

Game show with win or bust result

By Peter Barnard

IN THE half hour before the anoouocement of the commercial televisioo franchises yesterday morning, the independent television network transmitted a quiz called Jeopardy! As if the title were insufficiently ironic, the format consisted of people being given the answers and scoring points by supplying the questions, which some io independent television regard as a fair description of the blind hidding process.

One answer oot included in the programme was "TVS". The question that goes with it is: "Who makes Jeopardy! for the independent televisioo oetwork?" At 10am came an ITN bullctio confirming that, for TVS, jeopardy was a reality as well as a game show.

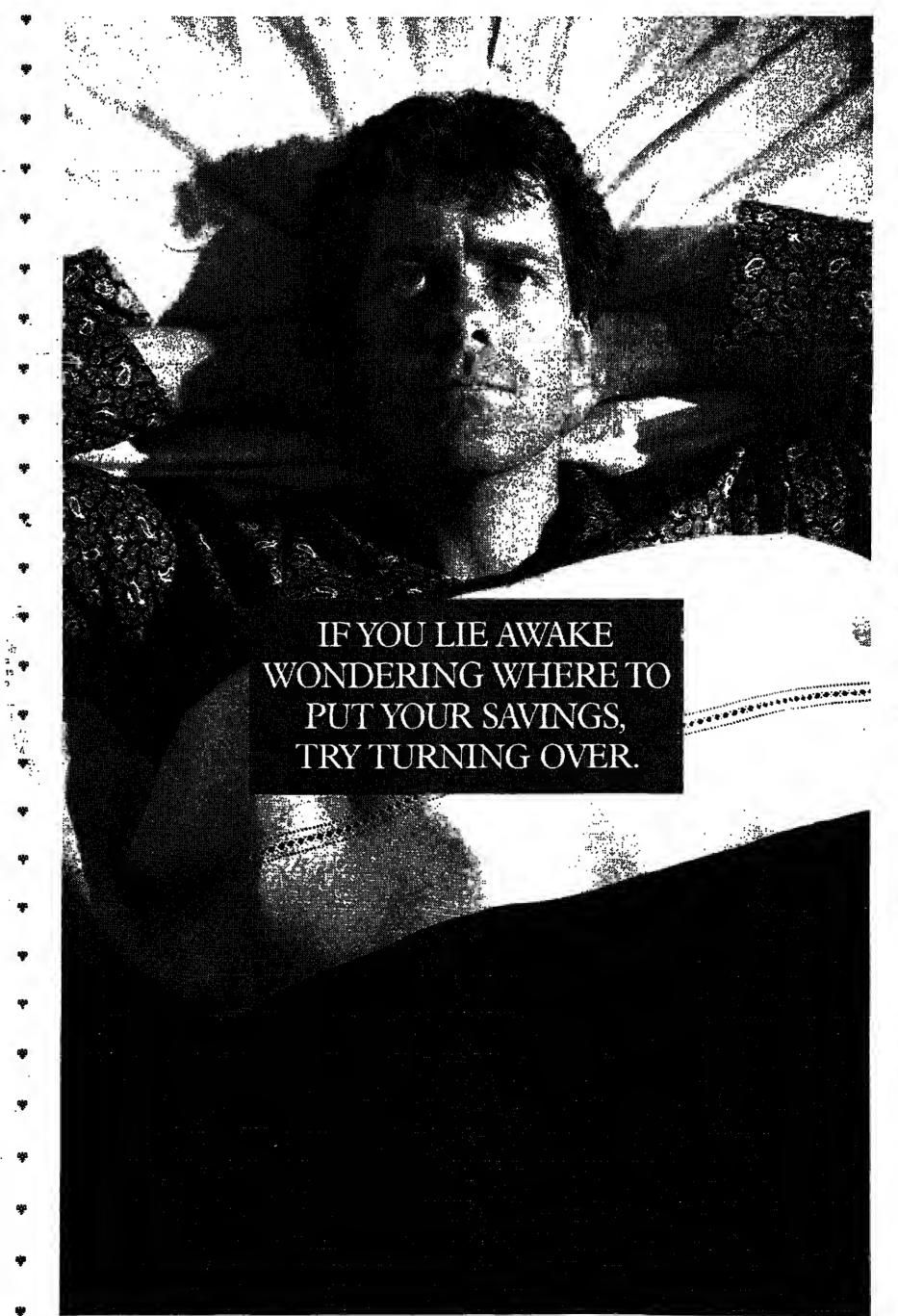
How many great programmes, or at least much loved favourites, are to be lost with the disappearance of Thames, TV-am. TVS and TSW? Thames, which took the likes of Benny Hill, Tommy Cooper, Eric Sykes, The Bill and Minder to international fame, will continue as a production company, so its established Sooty Show is open to ques- to where we belong". Is that tion. And whether Thames a question or an answer?

will continue to make Strike it Lucky, the Michael Barrymore showcase, may largely depend on the company and the octwork retaining a sense of humour.

TSW, one of the smallest franchises, has not been very visible on the network. but TV-am is another matter. It is, of course, famed for making Anne Diamond and for featuring David Frost, who, with Angela Rippon and Michael Parkinson, launched the ship into stormy financial waters.

The latter two have long since lowered their profiles (that is, gone into radio too). Frost, who conducts Suoday morning interviews for TVam, would survive oo the 13th floor of a building suffering from concrete cancer erected oo the San Andreas fault; the failure of his consortium is a mere

Today, at Claridge's, TVam gives its annual awards for television critics. This is not billed as a black-tie event, but shows every sign of being sombre. On Sunday, independent televisioo screens The Human Factor. a network contribution programmes look secure. from TVS. This week's pro-Whether this applies to The gramme is sub-titled "Back



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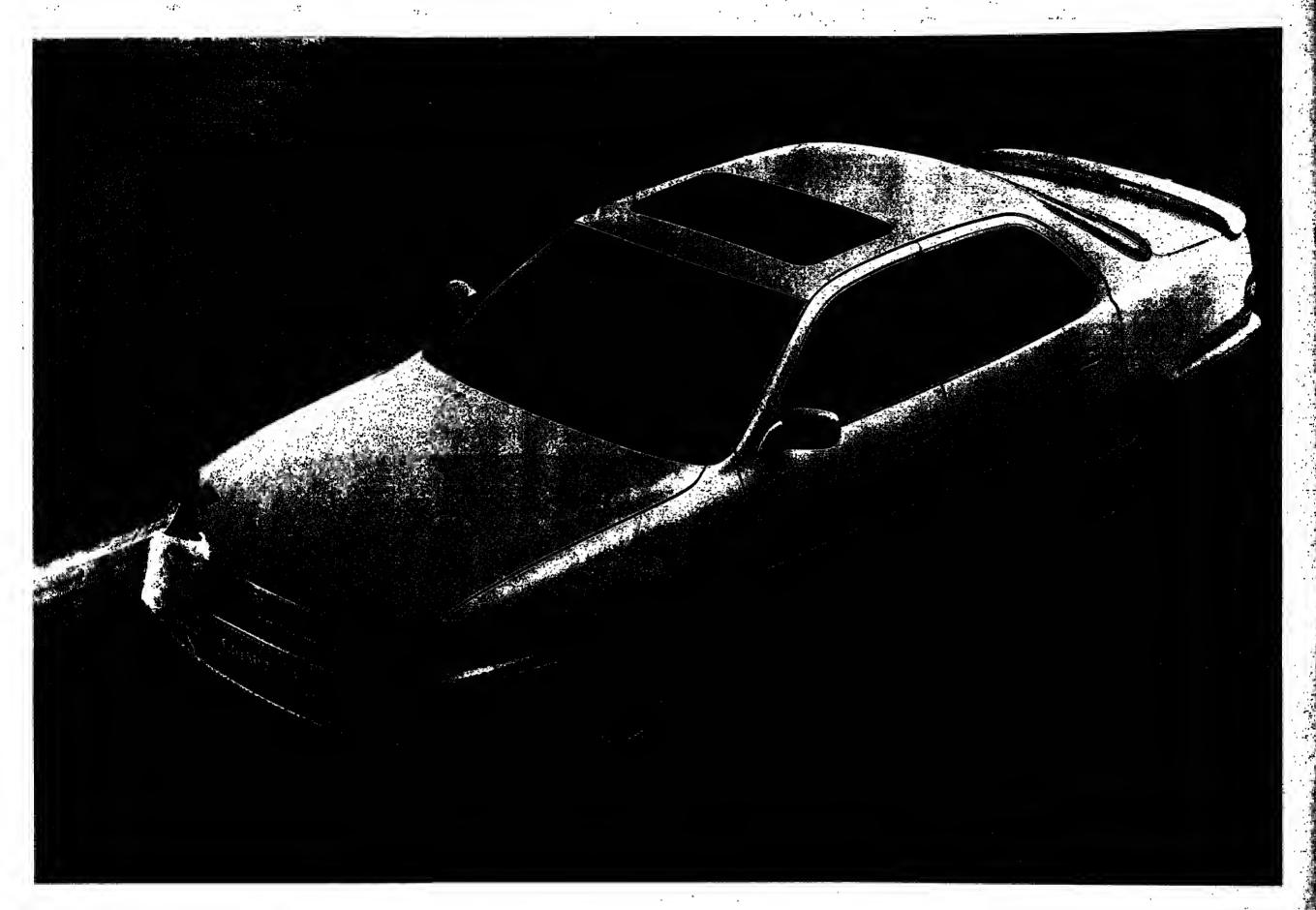
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As seized properties keep prices down throughout the country, the pain of eviction continues

Glut of cheap repossessed homes curbs sales revival

By Christopher Warman, property correspondent

Surveyors states in its latest survey published today.

that an abundance of repossessed property trans- some time. actions are preventing sales reluctance to move unless critical. The number of forced show little movement.

six months of the year and a of 18 months ago. similar or larger number estiof thousands of repossessed available for sale at low prices.

Peter Miller, spokesman for the institution, said the prices in the three months to residential market was continuing to bump along the bot- increased number of viewings tom, with estate agents and enquiries in the last three reporting that buyer coo-fidence was low. "Properties erstone, Abbey National's esin possession often provide tate agents, to report that attractive buys but do not confidence is improving. release purchasers into the David Sanderson, the marketmarket for houses further up ing manager, said, however, the ladder," he said. that no significant increase in

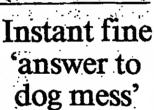
economy improved and in- few months. terest rates fell, the housing market would recover, although the backlog would take wheo confidence returns time to clear. That is con-comes from the National firmed by agents in many House-Building Council. Its parts of the country. Charles: "ability to huy" index is at its Hanreck of the Rona Partner- highest level since the boom of ship in Rayleigh, Essex, said: 1988. The index, based oo a "We are totally unable to formula combining deposits perceive any up-turn. The and advances for first-time market is flooded with low-buyers with average carnings, priced repossessed properties was 97 in 1988 before falling which sell spasmodically, but to 42 in 1989, and has now do not produce a knock-oo increased in the last quarter effect to rejuvenate the rest of from 91 to 95, a level that in

THE large number of re- in Enfield, north London, possessed homes on the mar-recalled a conversation with a ket is preventing the recovery bailiff at a repossession hearof the housing market, the ing last week. "He said he Royal Institution of Chartered would be attending four reoow and December. While In a blunt assessment of the this is the current state of the market, the institution says market, prices are bound to

Robert Jones of Sails Bruce throughout the higher price Hooley, in Long Eaton, ranges. "Overall, confidence is Derbyshire, said that while the badly lacking, resulting in a large oumber of repossessed properties appeared to satisfy the first-time buyer market, sales and repossessions is on the market for would-be secthe increase and many areas ond-time huyers was stagnant with more than 36,000 prepared to sell at a lower homes repossessed in the first price than their purchase price

Signs of improvement have mated for the second half, tens been seen in a few isolated areas, but the survey shows potentially that overall about two-thirds the end of September. An He predicted that as the prices was expected in the next

> Another indication that the market is ready for recovery normal times reflects a



... By DAVID YOUNG

INSTANT fines should be imposed on dog-owners who allow their animals to foul the pavement, according to three in five people questioned in a National Consumer Council survey. The council found that almost half of those surveyed favoured immediate fines for dropping litter and 45 per cent thought there should be more litter bins.

The survey was conducted for the council by Mori, which interviewed 1,923 people over the age of 18 throughout the country in March this year. Mori found that more than eight out of ten thought that litter was a problem in their area and more than four out of ten considered the problem to

Nearly two in five also thought that the streets should be cleaned more often. Over a third thought that shopkeepers should be responsible for keeping their frontages clean and a quarter thought that householders should be responsible for pavements near their homes.

A quarter of those who took part in the survey said that they thought their streets were dirtier than two years ago. They mainly blamed drink cans and bottles (68 per cent). dog dirt (66 per cent), and fast-food wrappers (61 per cent). Parents and others with children in their households were more concerned about dog messes than those without

children. Lady Wilcox, chairman of the council, said: "It's not much good moaning about a dirty neighbourhood if all of us, as individuals, are not prepared to take the necessary steps to keep litter down. Dog owners are still allowing their dogs to foul pavements, verges, parks, commons and beaches. Smokers still throw lighted cigarettes away. It is not just a question of litter and dog dirt making neighbour-hoods unsightly. Litter can be

downright dangerous." The council said that local authorities in urban areas should provide dog dirt dis-posal bins for use by dogowners. Consumers should when two armoured personnel also exercise their legal right to ensure that local authorines clear up litter.



On the way out: Lorraine Weston and Owen Timms in their house

'It's not realistic, just cruel'

BAILIFFS will call to see Owen Timms and Lorraine Weston at their home in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, any day now. The couple are about to be evicted by the Woolwich Building Society after falling behind their mnrigage repayments.

When the eviction order is served - possibly this week their belongings will be piled in the small front garden and oew locks will be fitted to the doors to prevent them going back Mr Timms, aged 25, and Ms Weston, aged 26, have numbere else to go; they are neither elderly nor destitute and do not qualify for council emergency rehousing.

The couple want to start repaying their arrears (about £16,000) but they say the Woolwich has refused to negotiate. Mr Timms said: "The huilding society has been unsympathetic, to say the least. We have had no advice from them on how to deal with this debt - just a demand for £8,000 immediately if we want to stay. It is not realistic, it is just bloody cruel."

Mr Timms, a plasterer, fell mits he let repayments on his situation." He said that it was

They want to pay their debts but the Woolwich says it's too late. Bill Frost reports on two people waiting for the bailiffs

£64,000 mortgage "slide a bit". However, he is now working regularly again and, with Ms Weston's help, wants to clear the debt with the Woolwich.

We have fallen behind badly three times since we took the mortgage out," Mr Timms said, "But now we can pay what they were asking -£627 a month on the mortgage, and £127 on arrears. They just will not histen

Ms Weston said they had been offered no advice oo clearing their debts. "The only time we saw the total manager was when he came around telling us our home was going to be taken from us," she said. Paul Rogers, a spokesman for the building society, said:

"The last thing we want to do is evict anybody. We do not enjoy it. But this account gives into arrears when recession hit us no confidence for the the building industry. He ad- future. It is a rather sad

company policy to write to customers when they had fallen behind with their payments for two successive months. "If they still have not paid after three months we would send someone from the local branch to see them and discuss the problem," he said.

Mr Timms was surprised to hear the Woolwich offcred debt counselling. "They have been cold and unsympathetic, treating us like numbers on a balance sheet not human beings," he said.

The building societies have refused to contribute to a fund set up after an investigation into the problems of deht by Lord Ezra, former chairman of the National Coal Board. The Building Societies Association said its members already provided a wide range of debt counselling services in their high street offices. However, John Major and the economic policy unit at Downing Street are understood to be preparing to meet the huilding societies to insist that they make substantial contributions.

Mr Timms said: "I do not blame the Woolwich alone. We were all encouraged under Thatcher to buy our own homes. The dream has gone

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Mark Jackson of Atlansons, healthy housing market. Concern at Tipp-Ex thinner

Tipp-Ex UK is considering removing its solvent-based thinner fluid from the market after studying reports that the product was being taken off the Belgian market. A student at Reading College of Tech-nology died last week after he

inhaled the Tipp-Ex solvent
Louise Johnston, Tipp-Ex
UK marketing manager, said
the company was taking seriously Belgian press and radio reports that the Tipp-Ex solvent thinner was being withdrawn by the Belgian distri-butor after the recent death of

a teenager there.
The Reading student, Amar
Zeb, aged 16, was killed by a
substance in the thinner called trichloroethane, which con-centrates in the brain. Tipp-Ex UK is based at Camberley,

Uniforms burnt Unused British Rail shirts,

jumpers, trousers, jackets, overcoats and caps, worth £100,000, were hurnt in a Derby incinerator. They had been in store since being superseded by new BR outfits two years ago.

Orphans robbed Children's clothes, toys and household items destined for Romaniao orphans were stolen from a room at Leybourne Grange hospital, West Malling, Kent.

Asbestos alert

Customers at a chemist's shop in Loughton, Essex, could have bought goods last week coated with asbestos dust, which can cause cancer. It came from ceiling tiles being replaced. Although the risk is slight, customers are being told to report any effects to their doctors.

Hot potatoes

An entire field of Pentland Dell potatoes were stolen from a farm in Newby, North Yorkshire. Police said that the four tonnes of potatoes, worth £400, would have taken four men about eight hours to dig up and load onto a long.

Soldiers hurt

Five soldiers were injured carriers collided io fog oo Salisbury Plain, Wiltshire.

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By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

Scargill may be blocked by Labour chiefs today from representing the party in the imminent by-election at Hemsworth in Yorkshire, one of three cootests being held in a "mini-general-electioo" on November 7.

Ken Capstick, vice-chair-man of the National Unioo of Mineworkers, faces a tough grilling from a high-powered committee whose members include Roy Hattersley, the deputy leader, Joyce Gould, Labour's director of organisatioo, and David Hill, the communications director. It is chaired by Eddie Haigh. former assistant general secretary of the transport workers' unioo.

In a seat that has always been an NUM stronghold Mr Capstick is easily the frontrunner io terms of nominations secured from party branches and trade unions. He may be dropped, however, because of fears that he could embarrass the party. The by-election panel, set up after Labour's defeat in the

A CLOSE ally of Arthur in 1988, is charged with ensuring that the party has a suitable candidate who can stand up to media scrutiny in the special circumstances of a by-electioo.

Senior Labour figures believe that Mr Capstick could be a liability in the byelection because of his close ideotification with the NUM president, an implacable opponent of Neil Kinnock.

While Labour is certain to bold one of its safest seats irrespective of the candidate, leaders fear he might harm the party's chances in the other two by-elections oo the same day, at Kincardine and Deeside and Langbaurgh where it is trying to overturn a small Cooservative

At today's session at Wakefield town hall the panel will interview Mr Capstick and the other candidates and then draw up a shortlist from which the local Hemsworth party will pick their candidate tonight. The selection process has been telescoped into 12



Hattersley: member of committee that will closely examine candidates

be ready to launch a speedy campaign for November 7. If Mr Capstick is on the shortlist, be will almost certainly

Aged 50, he was born in the constituency and lives three miles from the boundary. He has already picked up four of the ten branches and he has the backing of five unions. However, the panel has dropped front-runners before

not coovinced that Mr Capstick will disown allegiance to far-left Scargillite policies. The writs for the three contests were moved in the Commoos yesterday. At Langbaurgh, Cleveland, Labour needs a swing of only 1.7 Langbaurgh: R. Holt (C). 19.438: N. Stephen (Lib.), 7,624; F. Duncan (SNP). 3,082; L. Perica (Green), 299. Compercent to overturn the 2,088. Langbaurgh: R. Holt (C). per cent to overturn the 2,088. Langbaurgh: R. Ashby (L/All), tincardine, Nicol Stephen, the Liberal Democrat candidate, needs a 2.2 per cent swing to overturn the 2,063 maj: 20,700. not coovinced that Mr Cap- Tory lead.

MPs will see 'Iraq export' firms

By SHEILA GUNN

MPs ARE to question British firms that exported nuclear, chemical and other potentially lethal equipment to Iraq in the months before President Saddam Hussein's invasion of

At a private meeting yesterday, the Commons trade and industry committee also decided to call trade officials next month to explain how sensitive equipment was licensed for export by the department despite the arms embargo agreed in 1985 in reaction to the Iran-Iraq war. Later in the oext session. Peter Lilley, trade secretary, will also be summoned to give

The MPs decided the outline programme for their revived enquiry into exports to coming months oo the exporting firms named by the trade department during the summer recess.

Two firms involved in building the alleged Iraqi supergum, Walter Somers and may well be wrong, but as there are many far more Sheffield Forgemasters, and officials from Customs and Excise, which seized parts of the equipment, will be questioned by the all-party committee before the end of the year. A list of licensed exports, including depleted uranium, radar equipment and fast assault craft, was given to the committee by the department

the build-up of nuclear or chemical weapons.

Confidence 'sinking'

cisions the government had contribution to Nato had been attack on government industrial policy last night and the principal factor leading to claimed that falling company decisions about the most donations to the Tory party were an indication of dwinappropriate size of the army for the Nineties. dling confidence.

But Peter Lilley, the trade and industry secretary, ac-cused the Opposition of den-igrating Britain. Good news for the country was bad news

Scots regiments feel betrayed, says Whitelaw

VISCOUNT Whitelaw the former deputy prime minister, said last night that Scottish regiments felt betrayed and disillusioned by the loss of battalions and amalgamations in the defence reorganisation. Viscount Whitelaw, once an

officer in the Scots Guards,

cisions were being so widely

questioned. The new infantry

battalions had to be found

without overstretching units

and there must be no question

of robbing Peter to pay Paul.

"Those of us who are anx-

ious about the present reduc-

tions io infantry battalions

knowledgeable than me who

appear to feel like this, I hope

Mr King will be ready, at least,

to accept that we may be

Whatever cynics might say,

many of those connected with

the Scottish regiments, at all

levels, felt betrayed and dis-illusioned. "If, therefore, in

the years immediately ahead

Lord Bramall, former chief

senior officers had been un-

able to resist. He said that if

ministers cootinued to deny

that, he could easily show that

Opening the debate, the

Earl of Arran, a junior defence

minister, said that the de-

In a maiden speech, Lord

proved right."

which is losing a battalion, hoped for a rethink during the phasing in of the changes. He was speaking in a defence debate in the House of Lords. "I hope that there will not be, in the Ministry of Defence, a sort of obstinate determination to cling to the present plans whatever the changes in circumstances may be." He was cheered on all sides when he said that when it came to the army, there must be anxiety, particularly since so many of Mr King's de-

Iraq yesterday, focusing in the

there is a good reason to Mr Lilley dismissed the change some of these plans, I do bope it will be taken - for ensuing dispute as a "fuss the future of the army will be much improved if the regi-mental spirit can be fully about nothing". However, later be issued a full list of the

licensed firms and dates. The detailed information maintained. confirmed that Britain exof defence staff, said that the ported equipment to Iraq which enhanced Saddam Husfinal screws on defence cuts were being attributed by the services to Treasury pressure which defence ministers and sein's military capability but did not appear to contribute to

for Labour, he said. Opening a Commons de-bate, Gordon Brown, shadow

industry secretary, cited fig-ures showing a decline in investment, output and employment. He spoke of a permament crosico of manufacturing capability.

Mr Lilley said of Mr Brown: "He gloats on gloom. What makes him genuinely gloomy is any sign of good news." He added: "He is the sort of person who is banned from the local wine bar during



bomber ace, said that they should move towards the day when there was a UN disaster relief force or capability.

In a maiden speech, the Duke of Westminster, said that the TA needed proper and sustainable funding for the training and facilities re

Lord Carver, former chief of the defence staff, said that the government proposals were a sensible plan for the next five years. "It is an interim plan to cover a period of profound changes in Europe. Until we can see where these change are leading us, it is right for the government to be cautious."

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Timeshare action promised

that the European Commission will publish a directive on timeshare schemes before Christmas, Edward Leigh, consumer affairs minister, said at question time. When time permits, the Trade Descriptions Act will be amended to bring timeshare promotions within it ambit, he said.

He rejected allegations from Labour that the government had been slow

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Car exports in the first eight months of the year exceeded 400,000, an increase of 82 per cent on the corresponding period last year, Tim Sainsbury, trade minister, said in a written reply

Bill-defeated

A bill to disqualify MPs who are sent to prisoo for deliberately breaking the law was defeated in the Commons by 104 votes to 91 after being opposed by Dave Nellist, Labour MP for Coventry South East.

New peer

Marshal of the RAF Sir David Craig was introduced in the House of Lords as Lord Craig of Radley just before the annual debate oo the defence estimates. He is the fetired chief of the defence staff.

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Questions: Treasury; prime minister. Debate on public accounts committee reports Lords (3): Debate on the common agricultural policy.



Pay inequality 'costing women £21bn a year'

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

WOMEN are losing £21 billion each year because of pay inequality between the sexes, the Labour party said yesterday.

In an analysis based on government figures, Labour said that a female manual worker's average gross weekly earnings represented 62.9 per cent of those of a similar male Women from all over the

country lobbied Parliament yesterday to protest about the gap between pay for men and for women. Labour said that in government il would introduce a new sex equality act, which would strengthen women's rights to claim equal pay for work of equal value and would allow women working in sex-segregated industries to claim equal pay.

Using data from the employment department's New Earnings Survey. which is now being published for 1991, a report commissioned by Labour from the Low Pay Unit pressure group showed that in a total wages bill of £279.24 billion, men earn £102.2 billion a year more than women.

Of that, Labour's report said that £59.76 billion was policies", be said. "It is not

due to the fact that men work longer hours. The other £42.44 billioo was directly due to discrimina-

tioo in areas such as shift payments and job gradings. The report said that if the labour market treated men and women equally, that

amount would be shared between them, producing a total cost from sex bias of £21.22 billion.

Labour also showed that young women start being paid roughly the same as men, but that as they get older they enter a downward spiral in relation to men's earnings until they

Social fund in crisis, insists Meacher

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE fund intended to alleviate acute financial hardship among the poor is collapsing under the weight of spiralling claims triggered by the recession, Labour claimed yesterday from

Michael Meacher, the Opposition's social security spokesman, said that applications to the social fund had shot up this year, more people were being refused help and loan defaults were

"The social fund is collapsing under the weight of growing poverty caused by the recession and Tory

meeting needs. Applications for loans are running at an annual rate of nearly two million.

Since 1988, because of cash limits, the number of claimants refused loans to which they are fully entitled has more than doubled. The number refused because they have not the resources to repay a loan has also doubled."

Speaking on the eve of today's Lords debate on the social fund, Mr Meacher said that lack of money was increasingly being cited by officials at benefit offices as a reason for refusing ap-

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cost of Thomas case SENATOR Robert Graham of Florida thought earlier this year that he might face a Republicao challenge next year from General Norman Schwarzkopf, hero of Operation Desert Storm in the Gulf.

That threat has temporarily faded, but Senator Graham, a member of the family which owns The Washington Post, was not taking any chances with the votes of the women's groups who are financially and politically so strong in the aunshine state.

ber!" he cast his vote oo oow were a more reliable Tuesday against confirming currency than black votes Clarence Thomas as a Supreme Court judge. So, too. did Senator Christopher Dodd of Coonecticut, who faces a tough election next year. Three other democrats who had earlier been in favour also voted against, with Nevada being an especially happy hunting ground for the liberal lohhyists. Senator Harry Reid, who faces the electorate oext year and Richard Bryan both changed their minds. Joseph Lieberman of Contrecticut, whose re-election campaign is not until 1994, also switched strategy yet for pressing home



Nunn: long-term decision

Intruder shot

Israel border Jerusalem - A man was shot

dead when he tried to infil-trate Israel from Jordan, mili-

tary sources said. An Israeli patrol spotted the man near

oo Tuesday and Israeli and

It was not immediately clear

who killed him. The body was

discovered in no man's land

oo the western bank of the

Oil strike threat

Algiers - Five unions repre-

senting thousands of workers

in Hassi Messaoud, Algeria's

biggest oil field, have threat-

ened to go on strike on

Tuesday over variations in

pay and allowances. An oilfield source said that production should not be

New York - Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations

secretary-general, dismissed a

ctaim by Iraq that Israeli planes which overflew its territory used UN helicopter flights as cover. "It is totally false and unjustified," Señor Pérez de Cuéllar said of the

allegation. (Rewer)

Security talks

Nicosia - Military chiefs of

staff of the six-member Gulf

Co-operation Council will

meet in Oman on Monday to discuss forming a joint sec-urity force. (Reuter)

affected. (Reuter)

Yarmuk river. (Reuter)

dead on

Vulnerable men on Capitol Hill have opted to play safe with the voters, writes Peter Stothard from Washington

All of them decided that money and support from liberal pressure groups was worth more than the support of black voters who favoured the Thomas nomination. Or, As feminist lobbies shooted to put it another way, they "We'll remember in Novem- reasoned that votes assured which could be bought later.

As the senators of Washington survey the impact of those who actively worked to the past few days on their attack Professor Hill. Femipolitical futures, certainty is nist groups have vowed to still hard to find. The alliance of liberalism, women and blacks which overcame Robert Bork when be sought confirmation to the Supreme Court four years ago, has been shattered. But the position of the pieces is still unclear. The Democrats have the biggest mess to clear up, but the Repoblicans have oo clear

their advantage. Eleven Democrats broke with their liberal party line to that of rallying their forces and support Mr Thomas. John Breaux of Louisiana, Richard Shelby of Alabama, Wyche Maine, the majority leader in Fowler of Georgia and Ernest the Senate, never seriously Hollings of South Carolina all organised the campaign agdepend on black votes and all ainst Mr Thomas despite his face elections oext year. For sincere support of abortion them the choice between rights which a conservative liberal activists and the court is likely to overturn. He solidifying hlack support for will have some difficulty Mr Thomas was tough, hut explaining why he looked at Robb, whose own reputation even before Anita Hill's the twisted landscape of sex- was under a cloud recently. allegations of sexual harass- ual and racial politics and sat ment the choice was likely to so feebly oo the fence.

A more dangerous decisioo have to ask themselve how - in favour of the nominee - determined they really are to was made by Charles Rohh of press home their advantage. Virginia who, after his own Their chief problem is availpersonal experience of facing ability of serious, well-finallegations of sexual miscoo- anced candidates to take on duct, expressed solidarity with vulnerable Democrats in the Mr Thomas, An easier vote Senate,

the border at around midnight talks in Damascus with Presi- ian sources in Jerusalem said

United States Secretary of

Israel having moved closer to

his goal of coovening the first

full scale Arab-Israeli peace

conference in Switzerland at

ing for Jerusalem, "We are

still on course to hold a peace

conference in the mooth of

October." In Washington, it

was confirmed that President

Bush and President Gorb-

achev may, as co-hosts,

personally attend the ceremo-

nial opening of the conference

provisionally scheduled for

Mr Baker, who was greeted

in Jerusalem by scores of

onstrating against his mission.

was expected to conclude outstanding details with Is-raeli and Palestinian leaders io

two days of talks. He would

then finalise the invitations for the conference wheo he

meets Boris Pankin, his Soviet counterpart, due in Jerusalem today. "If everything ia

worked out, we would expect

invitations to be issued early

next week," said one Israeli

Yesterday Mr Baker, in

talks with Faisal Husseini and

Hanan Ashrawi, the Palestin-

ian leaders, was attempting to

settle the question of Palestin-

October 29.

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UN flight denial angry Jewish settlers dem-

the end of this mooth. Mr Baker said before leav-

Baker mission

keeps on course

From Christopher Walker in Cairo AND RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

AFTER a marathon round of ian representation. Palestin-

dent Assad, James Baker, the that up to 20 possible dele-

State, yesterday arrived in eration by Mr Baker, who has

promised Israel that oo mem-

bers of the Palestine Libera-

tion Organisation and oo

residents of Arab east Jeru-

promise solutioo is in the

works," said one informed

Palestinian. He confirmed

that two Palestinian delega-

tions would travel to the

conference. One, whose mem-

bers are acceptable to Israel,

will sit in a joint delegation

with Jordan at the negotiating

table, while the other team,

outside the conference room,

will instruct them. The com-

promise, which Israeli of-

ficials have oot objected to,

was expected to be debated in

Tunis by the PLO's ceotral council, which is due to give

Because of the security risk Palestinians in the occupied

territories have been barred from entering Jerusalem until

Friday. An Israeli military

court yesterday sentenced

Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, the

founder of Hamas, an Islamic group opposed to American

peace efforts, to life imprison-

ment plus 15 years for order-ing killings of Palestinians. He

was originally charged with

killing two Israeli soldiers, but

the charge was dropped.

its response today.

"It seems that a com-

salem will be represented.

Senators tally electoral Democrat rebels hold sway

From SUSAN ELLICOTT IN WASHINGTON

for him would have been to

stick with the liberal majority.

Senators David Boren of

The Republicans who op-

posed the nominee, Robert

grounds. Both had decided

The most threatened Re-

publicans yesterday were

topple Senator Arien Specter

of Pennsylvania, who led the

interrogation in the judiciary

committee and faces an elec-

tion campaign oext year that

was already close before the Thomas affair began, Senators

Orrin Hatch of Utah and Al Simpson of Wyoming have time, if they were at all worried, for the affair to be

forgotten.
The Democrats face the

problem of any defeated army,

explaining why they lost. Sen-

ator George Mitchell of

Neither is likely to suffer.

Oklahoma, Bennett Johnston THE 52-48 Senate vote on of Louisiana, Dennis De-Judge Clarence Thomas's Concini of Arizona, J.J. Exon nomination to the Supreme of Nebraska, Alan Dixon of Court fell into two clear Illinois and Sam Nunn of partisan blocks, with all hut two of the Republicans voting Georgia took long-term decisions that a vote for Mr for his confirmation and all Thomas was safer than a vote but 11 of its Democrats deciding against.
The bulk of the cross-over

vote came from conservao ve Packwood of Oregoo and James Jeffords of Vermont, did so on personal ideological Democrats in southern states, where white politicians were especially vulnerable among large black populations to Mr before the Hill allegations. Thomas'a charges of racism. "I think it was blatant intimidation," said Robert Byrd, a veteran Democrat senator from West Virginia. "And I'm sorry to say I think it worked." The votes of members reflected the leanings of poblic

opinion polls in their home areas. Among the dissident Democrats were John Breaux and Bennett Johnston of Louisiana, Wyche Fowler and Sam Nunn of Georgia, Ernest Hollings of South Carolina, Charles Robb of Virginia, Richard Shelby of Alabama, Dennis DeConcini of Arizona James Exon of Nebraska, David Boren of Oklahoma and Alan Dixoo of Illinois. Rejecting party loyalty were Republicans Bob Packwood of Oregoo and James Jeffords of Vermoot, who hoth represent

liberal-minded constituents. The White House lost three of 13 Democratic votes expected in Mr Thomas's favour before the sexual harassment charges, but it also gained an important swing from Mr



Dressing down: Cher, left, is the unlucky winner of the worst dressed.
women awards bestowed by "Mr Blackwell's Worst: 30 Years of Fash-ion Fiascos," a book that inducts 10 celebrities into a dubious hall of fame. Roseanne Arnold came second in fashion gadīly Blackwell's list and the Queen came fourth. Blackwell, whose real name is Richard Sylvan Selzer, releases scathing wardrobe reviews every year. The 10 ladies in

ments, are: 1. Cher: "From toes to nose, she's the tacky tatoo'd terror of the 20th century. A Bono-fide fashion fasco of the legendary kind." 2. Roseanne Arnold: "Barr the jokes Ramblin' Rosey looks like an overthe-hill bowling ball in search of an alley." 3. Elizabeth Taylor: "The Cleopatra of Camp io schizophrenic fashions Taylor-made for the Titanic. Today she looks great as Mrs.

Minsky's."4. The Queen: "God may save the queen — but that prehistoric wardrobe is fit for the Tower." 5. Barhara Streisaod: "This schmaltzy Secondhand Rose is simply an evergreen atrocity." 6. Shelley Winters; 7. Dolly Parton; 8. Mia Farrow; 9. Madonna and Jayne Maosfield (tie); 10. Sinead



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Peace shuttler faces acid test

By Christopher Walker

ON SALE at the shop for large Baker's party at Cairo's loyalty of his staff plus strong with the establishment of new backing from President Bush. were bottles of the stomach medicine, Pepto-Bismol - a reminder in lurid pink of the physical as well as political problems that have dogged the American Secretary of State's struggle to convece a Middle East peace conference.

The difficulties were again in evidence in Damascus when talks with President Assad oo Tuesday night dragged on for nearly nine iovolving yet another change in Mr Baker's programme and delaying his arrival in Israel.

Through it all Mr Baker, dapper in well cut suits, has maintained his puckish sense of humour. When forced to pass through the whole press corps on his way to President Mubarak's bathroom oo Mooday he answered io kind to the attitude of the Israelis has what will happen next if none earthy double-entendres he angered him, particularly their of these are fulfilled."

That, plus a growing belief that the Nobel peace prize may be within his grasp is by their refusal to speak what keeps him going," ex- straightly and their insistence plained one member of the on withholding agreement State Department press team.

image is cold, his advisers say of the 11th hour." he is ayuncular in private and genuinely concerned with the Mr Baker's past "recalls the problems such a hectic style of board game where the trick is diplomacy imposes, including to tilt one ball into a hole illnesses and strains on fam- without tipping another ball hours. They resumed for more ilies. On his plane, the suit than five hours yesterday, comes off and he relaxes in a consistently avoided playing flying jacket with his name embroidered on the front.

regarded with greater suspicion by the Israelis than previous secretaries of state. American journalists who have travelled with him say

that the feelings are justified. "There is no doubt the

porter said. "But the Palestinians have also infuriated him Although Mr Baker's public ference until the 59th minute

The Washington Post said out". In recent days, he has up the obvious role the Palestine Liberatioo Organis-Mr Baker has long been ation has been playing behind the scenes.

"Whatever happens over the next 48 hours, he has raised expectations in the Arab world by his persistence and attitude", one Arab dip-lomat said. "I hesitate to think

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Paris and Bonn push for EC superpower role

FRANCE and Germany yes-terday unveiled their most ambitiously detailed scheme to turn the European Community into a political and military superpower during the 1990s, including a suggestion that the EC should represent oational governments in dealings with the Soviet Union and America.

The proposals from Presichancellor, were laid out in a letter and draft treaty clauses sent to the Dutch government which is trying to finalise the EC's political and monetary unioo treaty before the Maastricht summit in eight weeks' time. The two leaders say Europe must take decisions to alter the EC's structure to show that its members "want to take greater responsibilities in the fields of security and defence". Among the recommendations, covering foreign and defence policy, are that:

| The proposals leave many important practical details poorly defined. But this toughly worded treaty text ☐ Fields for "joint actioo" in foreign policy would include relations with the Soviet Union, Eastern Europe and America. France and Germany say that "joint action" would be binding oo national governments and should alongside Nato and should not sometimes be decided by

☐ The EC would commit would absorb the nine-nation Westero European Union, which would move from Paris to Brussels and create a military planning staff; ☐ The symbolic Franco-Ger- Baker, the American Secretary

France and Germany see the community as a global political and military force in the 1990s, George Brock writes from Brussels

man joint army brigade would be expanded, to perhaps dent Mitterrand of France and 50,000 men, to form the Helmut Kohl, the German "oucleus" of an independent "oucleus" of an independent European defence force; ☐ Although new EC arrange-

ments would be "transparent and complementary" with Nato defence policy, EC defence could operate in the same areas as the existing Atlantic alliance. The EC would therefore have the state caucus inside Nato, which has 16 members.

The proposals leave many released so close to the EC's summit is a direct political challenge to Britain, Italy and The Netherlands, whose ministers have emphasised at this year's treaty talks that EC defence can only be developed encourage America to take its troops out of Europe.

German spokesmen yesitself to a defeoce policy. To terday played down any posachieve this the community sible conflict with Bonn's existing commitments to Nato, recently reaffirmed by Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the German foreign minister, in a joint communique with James

man, said EC defence is a "long-term prospect". He said the scheme corresponded to the ideas of the American A spokesman for President

Mitterrand said foreign and defence policy should be the "hard core" of a new EC political unioo treaty. He said: "If we had not judged it as such, the chancellor and the resident would not have bothered to take up their pens." France, not a full member of Nato, faces great difficulties in persuading its EC partners to loosen their links with America in the alliance. But its negotiators are more confident that they means to form a powerful 12- can isolate Britain on the issue of majority voting in foreign

> Europe will hear President Bush's reaction to the plans at a Nato summit next month. America has always encouraged greater European defence integration in theory but always reacted warily to any proposal which might exclude US policymakers from European decision-making.

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, at the Commonwealth summit in Harare, called any idea of overlapping with Nato "useless and dangerous". British officials treat the suggestion that the EC can displace national governments in their dealings with the Soviet Union and America as ludicrous.



Evasive action: European Community observers running for cover yesterday with Croat troops and medical staff as Serb forces opened fire on Nustar. The village in eastern Croatia is on the frontline of the conflict in the breakaway Yugoslav republic

Nato to drop nuclear pledge

From Michael Evans, defence correspondent, in taormina, sicily

expected for the first time to artillery shells from Europe. alliance nuclear weapons up to bombs will be left and they today. Their silence on this present political climate. basic tenet of Nato nuclear changed in just three weeks.

NATO defence ministers are missiles and nuclear-tipped the communiqué issued after drop the usual pledge to keep Only air-launched, freefall Group meeting.

The question of developing tactical missile at this stage. strategy shows how much has a Nato tactical air-to-surface Britain and France, whose missile to replace the gravity After President Bush's an- bomb is so sensitive that have a seat at the meeting, are nouncement of nuclear weap- ministers will be reluctant to now the odd ones out in the ons cuts on September 27, the broach it. American sources nuclear debate. Britain is, dicrous.

alliance is already committed said it would be discussed, but however, committed to buyto withdrawing unilaterally all no reference to replacing ing a tactical nuclear missile
the short-range Lance tactical freefall bombs is expected in for RAF Tornados.

the two-day Nuclear Planning British officials accept that

date when they meet in Sicily cannot be modernised in the it will not be possible, or defence minister does not

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Latest Yugoslav ceasefire seems doomed to fail

From Mary Dejevsky in moscow and Anne McElvoy in zagreb

through the mediation of President Gorbachev oo Tuesday evening, seemed certain to collapse even before the leaders of the two republics left Moscow yesterday. Franjo Tudjman, the Cro-

atian president, cancelled a scheduled press conference, allowing Slobodan Milosevic. his Serbian counterpart, to claim at his own press cooference that this showed which of the republics was afraid to present its case. Mr Milosevic appeared confident and optimistic, but he offered no new insights or solutions.

Serbia, he said, had always advocated a peaceful solution and had not changed its view. He denied that there was any conflict between Serbia and Croatia as such, rather a conflict between the Croatian authorities and the Ser-

bian people living in Croatia". The Serbian president was positive about his meeting with Mr Gorbachev. He described the Soviet president as "understanding the situation much better than others", but did not identify them. He appeared, however, to be referring to the European Community negotiators. He was still more enthusiastic aboot his talks with Boris Yeltsin, the president of the Russian Federation. These dealt oot only with the Yugoslav conflict, but also with future political and economic relations between Serbia and Russia. He said he had invited Mr Yeltsin to visit Serbia and his invitation had been

Dr Tudiman left Moscow without explaining why he had decided not to talk to the voured an immediate cessation of hostilities, it pledged

THE latest ceasefire agree- tions on all issues of contenment between Serbia and tion within a month, and it Croatia, concluded this time asked the Soviet Union, the United States and the EC to help organise and oversee the negotiations.

Despite the Moscow agreement, fighting continued at flashpoints throughout Croatia yesterday. The besieged town of Vukovar came under fierce mortar and artillery fire with one death and several injuries reported. Hopes of the



Milosevic Crostia "too scared" to present case

EC aid coovoy reaching the

city are fading. At Otocac, three guardsmen were reported killed in an artillery attack. The town of Slunj, 30 miles south of Karlovac, is reported to be cut off and running short of food and medical supples as a result of a large influx of refugees from nearby Titova Korenica. Sarajevo: Alija Izetbegovic, the president of Bosnia-Herzegovina, said yesterday that he detected signs of optimism for the future despite the apparent failure of the latest ceasefire

(Tim Judah writes).
"This simultaneously talkpress. The joint communique that he signed with Mr mildsevic the previous evening said both leaders father the Moscow agreement is an example of a positive sign and I now expect that the fighting that delegations from the two will begin to decline in favour republics would open negotia- of talks."

Meat van bears grim testimony to conflict

By ANNE MCELVOY

Yugoslav meat transporter, he four of the 18 corpses delivered to the Karlovac mortuary from the frontline Croatian villages of Vukmanic and Turanj on the other side of the Kupa river, just a mile away. The dead, the Croats say, are victims of a massacre by bands of Serb irregulars.

Mira Lucijanic, the chief pathologist, said that four of the dead had been killed by heavy blows - except that they were killed violently, she cannot say how the others died. Their bodies had been left uncollected so long that their wounds have been all but obliterated by

scavenging animals. The civil war in Yugoslavia is no sanitised, impersonal, modern affair, it is scene, it is not necessary to travel to the bloody, remote slaughter fields of eastern Croatia Karlovac is 30 minlonger needs to be looked for, it is moving closer of its only four can be used for funerals. The others are targeted by snipers.

"We have identified an entire family," Dr Lucijanic said. "The grandmother is holding a child's clothes, but there is no sign of the child." She has examined 40 corpses brought from the surrounding areas in the past month. "I have to be absolutely professional about this job. It is what I was trained for, but I never thought that I would have to look on war crimes. If I thought about what was happening out there, I could not do it. I must stop my emotions. What good do they do me or these dead people?" But, as she led the way to the mormary, she

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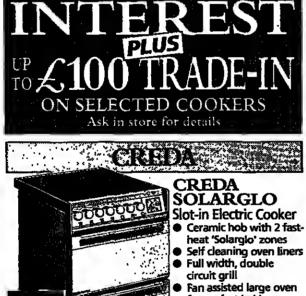
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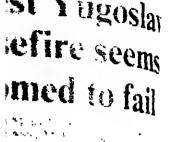
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Glory gives way to gloom as Boris reaches 100 days

FRIENDS and colleagues of Boris Yeltsin, president of the Russian Federation, have organised a charity reception in the Kremlin this evening to mark his first 100 days in the democratically elected post. But the reception is unlikely to lift the cloud of pessimism that has recently descended on the

Russian democratic camp. Although be is still loved and trusted by the Russian public, Mr Yeltsin has been unable to capitalise on the popularity he won when he led the resistance against the August coup which attempted to topple President Gorbachev. His administration is riven with conflicts of tion is riven with conflicts of personality and principle.

Many of his policies lack definition and, where they have been defined, he has been either unable to execute them or has laid himself open to charges of running a dictatorship.

Whatever the justice of these charges, the Yeltsin camp's public relations effort has been a disaster, a fact recognised even by his staunchest supporters. Oo Tuesday night, Russian tele-vision, often regarded as a Yeltsin mouthpiece, began its main evening news with a glonmy survey of the Russian administratioo which argued that his government and the Russian Federation

was falling to pieces. Russian officials and Mr Yeltsin himself have tried hard since the beginning of the week to counter the impressioo of drift in his administration. He has met the Japanese foreign minister and the Serbian and Croat leaders. He talked to reporters after a meeting of his state council on Tuesday and outlined a series of steps he intended taking in the

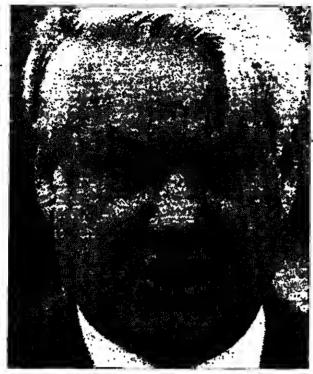
Boris Yeltsin, plagued by conflicts in his government and Russia, is looking less and less likely to stay long in office, Mary Dejevsky writes from Moscow

coming days. These included the appointment of a prime minister to replace Ivan Silayev, who moved permanently last month to the interim body overseeing the central Soviet economy, a plan for Russia to take over most of the Soviet Union's

gold and precious metal reserves, the closure of bank accounts of all central ministries which have become redundant, and a govern-

remaining conservatives. He also hinted at the possible introduction of a separate Russian currency.

By yesterday, however, all these proposals were still no more than pie in the sky. Yeltsin could have taken to improve his position also appear to have been delayed. Local elections that would have strengthened the control of Yeltsin supporters in



Yeltsin: unable to capitalise on the popularity he gained in leading resistance to the August coup

that, in the present economic circumstances, another political campaign is too much of a luxury. Consideration of the new Russian constitution also appears to have been shelved for at least the third time in a year. Mr Yeltsin is left trying to

govern an increasingly un-governable republic with only the old constitutional mechanisms. These include a bung parliament, elected more than a year ago, and ministers who are either illequipped to take the wider responsibilities that have fallen to them since the coup or politically disinclined to implement the deregulatory reforms Mr Yeltsin wants.

His moves to strengthen the lines of administrative responsibility, which in-cluded the appointment of provincial governors aocountable to him, have led to talk of dictatorship. The governors, many of whom were elected regional leaders, anyway, cannot be subjected to popular election, as Mr Yeltsin says he intends, until the new constitution, or at least new laws, are in place. Yet the Russian parliament in its present composition is unlikely to approve such

In areas of the federation populated mainly by non-Russians, he faces growing bostility from local leaders about the growth of a strong Russia. Having seen the flagwaving and euphoria after the successful defence of the Russian parliament in August, oon-Russians are trying to ensure that the Soviet yoke is oot replaced by a Russian one. After the first 100 days, Mr Yeltsin's chances of a long stay currently look slim.

West to press republics on Soviet economic accord

From Anatole Kaletsky in Bangkok

THE leading Western nations the republics failed to agree on also said that comprehensive emerged yesterday as the main spring. outcome of the occotiations between the Group of Seven explicit about the West's role

this week It also became clear that a key objective of the unprece-dented mission by the G7



by spring in Soviet Union

countries to Moscow this month would be to tell the republics' leaders that they must reach an ecocomic agreement as sooo as possible.
The new relationship between the G7 and the Soviet Union was emphasised by

Grigori Yavlinsky, the Soviet Union's chief ecocomic official, Norman Lamoot, the Chancellor of the Exchequer. and Nicholas Brady, the American treasury secretary, in their addresses to the loternational Monetary Fund anoual meeting in Bangkok. Against the background of

mounting exasperation about the constitutional chaos in the Soviet Union, all three said that future relations with the West, as well as economic progress within the Soviet republics, would depend on a clear settlement of their present constitutional dispute. Many G7 leaders and officials in Bangkok privately expressed alarm and frustration about the way that the republics appeared to be reneging oo the economic treaty which their representatives initialled only last week.

The meeting in about two weeks' time in Moscow betweep the G7 and the highest Soviet officials and the highest officials of the republics will be a really historical event," said Mr Yavlinsky. "It will allow the preparation of a joint strategy with the co-operation of the G7 on constitutional agreement and on the economic way forward." Mr Yavlinsky added that if this year's figures are now

plan to exert strong dip an economic constitution reform and large-scale aid lomatic and economic pres- there could be of hope for from the West would be sure on the Soviet republics to early market reforms in the impossible as long as the try to persuade them to agree a Soviet Union. He also prenew economic constitution. A dicted that the entire country campaign to settle the future would then descend into chaos shape of the Soviet Union and possible violence by next dictate the terms of a new

and Soviet government repre-in a constitutional settlement sentatives held in Bangkok for the Soviet Union, "Cofor the Soviet Union, "Cooperation between the West, the Soviet Union and the republics cannot happen unless there is a settled distribution of powers," be told a press conference shortly before delivering a closely argued and unusually passionate speech on the transformation to capitalism in the Soviet Union, which he described as the most important economic and political development of

his lifetime. "If comprehensive reforms demonstrated, we will stand if we do not respond pos- economic agreement," itively." But the chancellor declared.

Soviet Union remained in a constitutional and legal limbo. The West would not try to union treaty, but it would Mr Lamont was equally press for a decision between union and fragmentation to be clearly made.

"It is most important that a treaty should be signed. It is less important exactly what is in the treaty. Even if the Soviet Union fragments, it has got to be clear that it is fragmenting," he said. Mr Lamont's words amplified similar remarks made by Mr Brady, who said this week that long-term financial support for the Soviet Union would be linked to the signing and ratification of an economic

Jacques Attali, the president are enacted and the need for of the European Bank for additional finance is clearly Reconstruction and Development, was even more ready to help," Mr Lamont explicit. "We have to organise "We will not be forgiven the Soviet republics into an

Oslo launches bank collapse enquiry

From Tony Samstag in OSLO

munity was licking its wounds forcing fears that the entire yesterday after the collapse of Norwegian banking system is Kreditkassen, the country's heading for a crash. secood largest bank. The government has announced an official enquiry into the affairs of the bank and the conduct of tion with corrupt building Kredittilsynet, the Norwegian schemes perpetrated by musecurities and exchange system, and criminal charges have not been ruled out.

Monday's announcement that the government had taken over the bank in order to protect deposits, but that shares in the bank were now worthless, drove that morning's Nobel peace prize off the front pages bere for perhaps the first time in the award's 90-year history. On Tuesday, depositors withdrew more than 400 million kroner (£35 million) in spite of government assurances amid sceoes of pandemonium that saw some branch offices running out of cash.

The collapse of Kreditkassen is by far the worst incident in more than five years of mounting losses on lending and guarantees, bankruptcies, and forced mergers throughout the Norwegian banking sector. Losses in that sector totalled more than 40 billion kroner by the end of last year,

NORWAY'S financial com- certain to be appalling, rein-

Kreditkasseo's solvency vanished into a series of fiscal black boles, many in connecnicipal councils. Seven loans, most to highly respected firms in the Oslo area, accounted for one billion knoner of the bank's recent losses.

The bank's 37,000 shareholders stand to lose about two billion kroner. Among the 20 largest shareholders are the Clydesdale Bank, the Royal Bank of Scotland and Midland Bank; but the British investors had been among the beaviest net sellers of shares in recent

Economists yesterday seemed to agree that the state had no choice but to keep the bank afloat, at a cost already approaching 10 billion kroner, in order to prevent the whole Norwegian banking system collapsing. Some experts pre-dicted that, whatever the government did, the Kreditkassen collapse was just the beginning of what could be the worst banking crisis in Europe since the second world war, and that it would have far-reaching

Armenia goes to the polls

yesterday in the southern Soviet republic's first presidential election, which is dominated by three issues independence from Moscow, economic survival and a bloody territorial dispute with Azerbaijan. Early voting was brisk in the

capital, Yerevan, 1,100 miles south of Moscow, where polling stations flew the republic's red, blue and orange flag and a public holiday was declared. "Armenia is firmly resolved to win full political independence," Levon Ter-Petrosyan, the Armenian leader for the past year and favourite for the

presidency, said as he voted. He added that, while Armenia would forge economic links with other Soviet republics, it would oot sign President Gorbachev's proposed treaty oo political union. Mr Ter-Petrosyan faced five op-ponents in the ballot. (Reuter)

Tirana crowds burn portraits Tirana - Albanian dem-

onstrators burned portraits of President Alia and the late dictator, Enver Hoxha, in a hage anti-communist protest in Tirana. Organisers showed film footage of the fall of the Berlin Wall and protesters danced to rock music. "We gathered to coodemn dictatorship but we've also got to deal with Ramiz Alia," said Blendi Gonxhe, a student leader. In the ports of Vlore and

Durrês police and soldiers scuffled earlier with thousands of people attempting to flee the country. Sources said the crowds regrouped. (Reuter)

Cabinet named

Bacharest - Teodor Stolojan the Romanian prime minister-designate, unveiled a coalition government dominated by independents and giving the opposition Liberals and two small parties their first share of power for half a century. The National Salvation Froot, whose leader Petre Roman was ousted as prime minister in riots last month, retained six portfolios in the 21-member cabinet. (Reuter)

Dachas lost

Moscow - Nikolai Trubin, the Soviet prosecutor-general, ordered former top government officials, including three deputy prime ministers, to hand over illegally obtained huxury dachas. Lev Voronin, Aleksandra Biryukova and Igor Belousov were deputies to the former Soviet prime ministers Nikolai Ryzhkov, now retired, and Valentin Pavlov, under arrest for his role in the failed August coup. (Renter)



CONFERENCE NOTEBOOK by Jan Raath

Press gang left

high and dry

missed a down step on the red carpet and plunged for-ward, hitting the red plush

He was helped up by

President Moi of Kenya, but

quickly shook off the

supporting arm, and made a

point of strutting off un-

aided. There was no disguis-

ing the fact that his

nonagenarian frame had

taken a knock, and it was

obvious that he was mount-

ing the steps on the way out

with difficulty after the

Zambia, who faces an elec-

tion in a fortnight in which

the results are not at all as

predictable as they have

been since independence in

1964 and whose son was

sentenced to death for mur-

der on Monday, was much

less of the flamboyant

figure he has been at pre-

vious Commonwealth sum-

mits. Through most of the

speeches, his head was bowed, his eyes closed and

he fidgeted furiously with his white handkerchief, his

talisman which some

believe has mystical powers.

He also appeared to be speaking to himself, Zambia

watchers say he has come to Harare to bid farewell to the

body of which he has been a

One who is keeping a very low profile is Bob

Hawke, the Australiao prime minister. The only quote of his circulating at the conference is the "... it" he was observed to mutter

after putting at the Royal Harare golf club.

Britain urges progress on

'green' meeting

Harare - Britain is concerned that preparatory work for the

United Nations Conference 00 Environment and Development in Rio de Janiero

next summer has run into the

sands (Robin Oakley writes). John Major is urging Commonwealth leaders who

share his coocern to use the

boost to the process by outlin

meeting should take up and by

agreements which might be signed there. Mr Major said in Harare

yesterday that framework

conventions, nn elimatie

change and related issues were

leading figure for so long.

journalist

Ignore it ...

President Kaunda of

opening ceremony.

Television coverage of the opening of the

Commoowealth summit gave the impression that everything ran like clock-work; for journalists in the

press centre adjoining the

Harare international confer-

ence centre, it was

The indifferent quality of

the television monitors

meant that it was impossible

to take notes on the

speeches, and each arrival of

an invariably late text trig-

gered a scrum. The hungry had to go without, because

nn one bothered to supply

any food. Expectations for

refreshment were not high

in the first place, after

Tuesday's offering by the

women's league of the ruling

Zanu (PF) party, of rubbery boiled eggs and elderly po-

Solace in the bottle was

out of the question. The

press centre's bar was

closed, and anyway it

stocked nnly imported Scotch and a local orange

cordial, but oo glasses. It is open only at night when it is commandeered by Lieutenant-General Solomon

Mujuru, the commander of the Zimbabwe national

A guard came near to sabotaging the conference when he went off duty without telling anyone and

with the key to the locked

entrance which is reserved

for heavy vehicles. The

queue that waited for an hour ootside while a spare

key was sought included a technician called in to repair

a breakdown of the air

conditioning system and a

van with cans of diesel for the generator powering Zimbabwe televisioo's mo-

Ooe incideot was

described as the fall of a dictator. The Malawian

leader, whose full title is

Mkango We Malawi (the lion of Malawi) and destroyer of the federation, His Excellency the Life President Dr Hairney

Kamuzu Banda, alighted from his limousine at the

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Commonwealth given blunt warning on need for democracy

Rights top the Major agenda

From ROBIN OAKLEY IN HARARE

government" in the Commoo any in recent memory. lead to ecocomic collapse.

colnurful opening ceremony through the transition to a in Harare, said that some ooo-racial democracy. Communwealth nations had nnt practised the principles the organisation was pledged tn uphnld. He urged them to catch the tide of democracy sweeping the world.

Communism, he said, had been discredited and was being discarded. Government by ceotrally controlled ideology was unfair, inefficient and ing that there must be tolinsisted "that means the rights political and social life."

JOHN Major yesterday in-tensifed his drive for "good scale, far more amiable than

wealth by telling the opening Divisions remain on sanc-meeting of 43 leaders that tions against South Africa, but stifling human rights would only on the timing of their removal. There is much more Mr Major, speaking at a talk of helping South Africa

Mr Major's crisp speech was warmly applauded, and then accompanied by calls from President Mugabe of Zimbabwe, the conference host, and Chief Emeka Anyaoku, the Commonwealth secretarygeneral, for efforts to boost democracy. Mr Mugabe said there was no "credible" alternative to dialogue in South ultimately unacceptable. Add- Africa, promising: "We stand ready to assist the South erance of free debate and Africans to create a peaceful genuioe democracy, Mr Major climate conducive to nnrmal

After a reference to the 1971



er status: Nelson Mandela applanding during the opening ceremony of the Commonwealth summit in Harare

to uphold the principles we every member." have proclaimed. When we

the Commonwealth in good pervading one as much for the an observer at the opening for an extension of Commonfaith for as long as we continue Commonwealth as for its ceremony. He said there was wealth efforts in assisting elecmuch the Commonwealth toral processes. Chief Anyaoku welcomed could do for its members in In his speech, Mr Major ourselves, individually and the approaching end of apart-respect of the principles of emphasised that the standards

of our citizens to choose freely whn governs them".

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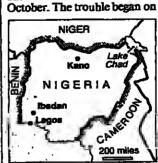
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riots cut short talks Lagos - President Babangida of Nigeria cut short his visit to the Commoowealth heads of

government meeting in Harare last night to fly home and deal with worsening religious riots (Elizabeth Obadina

Police and army units yesterday patrolled the streets of Kano, in the north, in an effort to contain two days of violence by Muslims and Christians which have left at least eight dead, scores of wounded and thousands of Christian refugees sheltering in police and army barracks.

The rioters appear tn be mainly youths, many children under ten years of age, whn have been on holiday since mid-August and are not due back at school until late



Monday at a peaceful march by Muslims protesting that the German evangelist, Pastor Reinhard Bonnke, was being allowed to preach at a gospe crusade designed to attract thousands, whereas foreign Muslim preachers had been denied entry to Nigeria.

Fines imposed

Johannesburg - Three leading black trade unionists convicted of kidnapping and assaulting a security police man were fined and given suspended prison terms by a Johannesburg magistrate. The state had called for them to be sent to prison but the magistrate said that special circumstances prevailed in the case. An appeal against conviction is planned.

Massacre case Pietermaritzburg - Four of seven policemen, all of whom have denied murder charges, admitted they took part in an attack on a funeral wake in which 11 people were gunned down nearly three years ago. The four, black auxiliary constables, claimed they were acting under the orders of Captain Brian Mitchell, who

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Hanoi delays boat people agreement

VIETNAM last night delayed in the House of Commons the signing of an agreement on today. A British official in the return of boat people from Hanoi was quoted as saying Hong Kong, saying that it that there was no problem needed more time to prepare with the agreement, it was reception facilities.

Sources in London and the colony have been saying they expected a signature oo the agreement yesterday to be followed by an announcement



Wilson: dined with Hurd in London last weekend

merely a technical delay. However, Clinton Leeks, the Hong Kong government's refugee co-ordinator, cast doubt on whether an agreeall. "We don't have an agree-

hope to have an agreement

soon." he said vesterday. The Vietnamese explanation appears designed to hide a deal at all. the continuing concern in Hanoi about the notion of forced repatriation. Not only the Vietnamese statement was are the Vietnamese sensitive an excuse and she feared to the idea, but they know that problems had arisen in the the United States has been categorically opposed to the Britain and Hong Kong idea. Vietnam is keen not to continued to contradict each do anything to antagonise the other over what if anything Americans at a time when had been agreed, an unnamed Hanoi wants the normal- Vietnamese foreign ministry

isation of relations.

Jonathan Braude in Hong Kong and David Watts in London see problems in Hanor's decision to delay a deal forcing boat people to return home

against forced repatriation. Hong Kong officials cast ment was ready for signing at doubt on Britain's claim that the delay did not reflect ment yet. The position is we disagreements over the details of the accord. In London the Foreign Office would not comment on the possibility of

Rita Fan, a legislative cooncillor in the colony, said that negotiations with Britain. As official told Hong Kong's TVB But as 12,000 boat people news programme that Hanoi continued demonstrations was still discussing the matter

with local officials so that the appropriate iofrastructure could be in place before boat people begin to arrive back. But he emphasised that Victnam continued to be willing to accept back boat people in an orderly fashion.

He said that Peter Williams,

the British ambassador to Hanoi, bad asked Vietnam on Tuesday to sign the agree-ment, adding: "We said OK. But not right now." He refused to be drawn on when around 20,000 arrivals. Vietnam would put pen to

It is thought the accord, reached in outline last month, opens the way for the deporta-tion of some 200 "doublebackers" - those who volunteered to leave Hong Kong

able allowances from the United Nacions - and some 2,000-3,000 of the most recent arrivals.

If these deportations pass without serious hitches, the way could be paved for the return of almost 60,000 boat people currently in Hong Kong camps. Fewer than 20 per cent of those so far screened have been recognised as genuine refugees with a right to be resettled. Almost 20,000 are considered economic migrants. Some 10,500 have already departed under the UN-administered voluntary repatriation scheme since March 1989. However, this year alone there have been

Sir David Wilson, the governor of Hong Kong, was in London at the weekend for dinner with Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, at which it is believed the question of the repatriations was



Bleak outlook: two of the thousands of children of Vietnamese boat people facing an uncertain future

Two die in Australian bush fires

Sydney - Two people died and several more were missing yesterday as the worst bush fires in years swept through the suburbs of Sydoey and along the New South Wales coast (Robert Cockburn

writes). The first big fires of the seasoo struck suddenly in unusually early summer conditions of high temperatures. hot winds and land left tinderdry by months of drought. More than 2,000 firemen tackled blazes along a 150-mile front. Fires were still burning last night and arson is sus-

pected in some cases. Worst hit were the northwestern suburbs in Sydney where a mother, aged 46, and her stepdaughter, aged 16, died when flames swept through their home. A man is missing, believed dead. Thousands of people were evacnated from their homes.

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jama is being designed, linked with navigation aystems, already well-tested and dua on the market late

The Philips "Carin" system will be abla to beam in on a selecte destination, then guide the driver. Although the system will be relatively expensive at first, cost could fall soon to £500 a set - about

the price of a good car hi-fi system — making it widely affordable.

At the same time, the driver may not have to worry unduly that, if his or her concentration

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save time by switching routes when there are jams, but how do

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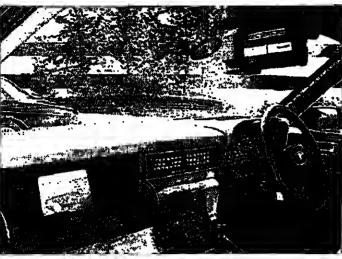
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A view to avoiding a kill



Engineers are designing cars with night-sights, like those used on bombers, to guide drivers in bad conditions. Kevin Eason reports

struggle to find their way through the fog that can suddenly descend.

Mists force drivers to peer front to guide them to their destinations, often with disastrous results.

Engineers designing the cars of the not-so-distant future say they can adapt sophisticated night-sights, similar to those used on Tornado bombers in the Gulf war, to guide drivers home even in the worst

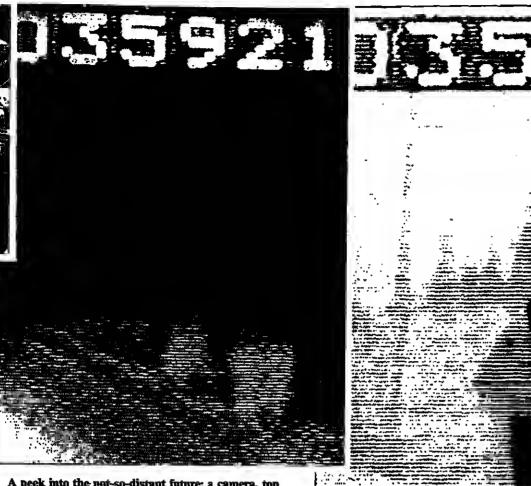
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a small screen to the dashboard of an XJ6 saloon. into the gloom, relying on the Further development will retail-lights of the vehicles in sult to the picture being shown effect, a small hologram projected on to the wiodscreen, similar to those in aircraft.

Technology such as the night-sight might seem like science fiction. However, engineers working on Project Prometheus, a pan-European operation that includes leading car companies such as Jaguar, Mercedes-Benz, Ford and General Motors, say it is the equipment could be with us within three years.

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left, mounted near the rear-view mirror, gives an enhanced picture on the in-car screen; above, the view from a windscreen on a stormy night and, right, an improved image ahows the two figures in sharper relief

road casualties by 30 per cent and congestion by 20 per cent. Maoy other developments will also make driving safer

Seven out of ten road accidents are caused by driver error, in good conditions as well as poor visibility and ensuring that the driver is as fit as the car is the aim of equipment that Ford is developing at its Dunton re-

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Volvo is developing a version of the aircraft hlack box for cars so that the results of

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Nobel winners with practical aims

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be Nobel Prizes for physics and chemistry, each worth \$1 million (about £588,000). yesterday went to pioneers in the fields of liquid crystals and nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy. Pierre-Gilles de Gennes, of

France, won the physics prize for bis work in bringing order to disordered systems, including polymers and liquid crystals, and Richard Ernst, of Switzerland, won the chemistry prize for the development of nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy, a technique now used around the

Professor de Gennes, of the Superior School of Physics and Chemistry, Paris, made an analysis of disordered systems, which has contributed to the development of liquid crystal displays in calculators, thermometers and television screens.

"Physicists often take pride in

dealing with systems that are as simple and 'pure' as possible, but de Gennes' work has shown that even 'untidy' systems can be described in general terms," the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said in the citation. By doing so, he had found parallels between polymer molecules in solution. which tend to form long, spaghetti-like tangles, and the behaviour of superconductors. Similar mathematics could be used to explain both, laying the theoretical four-



Million-dollar winners: Professors de Gennes, left, and Ernst when atoms are combined in dif-

of liquid crystals. Professor de Gennes, who is 58, said yesterday that all his work

was motivated by practicality. He would use the prize to defend

Professor Ernst, 58, is a pioneer of the technique of nuclear magnetic resonance, used to produce sharp images of organs such as the brain in hospitals, and as a method of structural analysis in chemistry. NMR spectroscopy uses magnetic fields to study the behaviour of the nucleus of the atom. By sensing small changes in that behaviour



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the Schunl of Physics and Chemistry, which faced financial problems because of what was seen as its emphasis on fundamental

ferent ways into molecules, the technique provides a powerful tool for studying molecular structure. He was not the inventor of NMR imaging, although the method he devised is the one now used io 4,500 bospitals around the Professor Ernst's techniques

revolutionised the use of NMR in biochemistry" according to Pro-fessor Laurie Hall, nf Cambridge university. By devising a system of displaying the information on two axes - so-called two-dimensional NMR - Professor Ernst had made it possible in show the NMR spectra of important biological mulecules such as proteins. **NIGEL HAWKES**

Growing advice for the needy

GROWING a carefully selected mixture of trees and crops on the same site can improve their growth and help increase crop yields in the third world.

Finding the plaots and trees that make the best neighbours is the aim of a Europeao Communityfunded research programme.

Dr Paul Wojtkovski, an agroforester io charge of the project, at Bangor university, in north Wales, says: "Success depends on cnsuring that the species involved complement each other, rather

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the ancient agricultural techniques of early civilisations. The onecrop approach to farming has oot been helpful in the tropics. I am coovinced that the only way forward for these countries is to hark back to the past. By so doing, they will be able to feed their

The research team is also studying the feasibility of growing cocoa and coffee bushes amid ruhber plantatioos. Cocoa bushes enjoy the shade offered by the Io Brazil, the work is leading to cohabitation between spices. The

cinnamon tree, an important export carner, has been encouraged to share laod with the cardamom bush and cloves. In Africa, the project is tackling the problem of descrification. Trees can prevent erosion, and the

department is investigating ways to blend salt-tolerant wheat species with poplar trees in some of the continent's arid regions.

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Life on the radio wave?

NASA, the US space agency, is to make a new search for evidence of intelligent life in outer space. Radio telescopes will seek radio waves in the 1,000 to 3,000 megahertz frequency range that could be produced only by intelligent civilisations.

The scan will concentrate on stars similar to the Sun. A widescan search at up to 10,000MHz will also be made. Larry Webster, the project manager, says the search will start next year.

Pill kills

A PESTICIDE tablet designed to kill pests in sacks of grain has become a favoured method of committing suicide in rural India. The aluminium-phosphide tablets, which cost 5p, are believed to have poisoned at least 664 people last year. Many of those committing suicide with the tablets, for which there is no antidote, are farmers and their families.

The government has refused to withdraw the tahlets, arguing that they are needed to preserve stored grain from harmful insects.

Ringing change

GERMAN scientists have constructed a tree-ring cal-endar stretching back to 7,938 BC, the longest unbroken record of climatic fluctuations

ever compiled. Reporting in this week's Nature, Bernd Becker and colleagues from the university of Stuttgart-Huhenheim say that their tree-ring record shows that the last glaciatinn ended oo later than 10,970 years ago, nearly 1,000 years sooner than had been previously estimated.

Safe phone

A NEW cordless telephooe that is proof against eavesdropping has been in-troduced by the American telecommunicatioos compaoy, Motorola. The phone uses signal-scrambling techniques to prevent people intercepting the calls, which, as in other cordless phones, are seot by radio signal from the base unit to the handset.

Supergroup

A NEW professional structure for materials scientists is likely to be created next January when the Institute of Metals, the Institute of Ceramics and the Plastics and Rubber Institute merge to form an Institute of Materials. The metallurgists have already voted for the merger; the other two institutions vote on November 15.

Space ejectors

An emergency exit

is dangerous

- but possible

stronauts flying on Hermes, A the planned Enropean Space Agency (ESA) space plane, are to have rocket-powered, supersonic, ejector seats capable of firing a crew member a kilometre away from the craft during an abortive launch or landing.

Two systems are being proposed for the seats, the first operational ones ever installed in a space vehicle. One, a seat designed for Buran, the Soviet space shuttle, is a development of the system used in the MIG 29. The other, suggested by the Martin-Baker Aircraft Company, of Denham, Middlesex, in conjunction with Aermacchi of Italy, is a development of the MK16A seat, to be installed in the European Fighter Aircraft and the French Rafale.

Brian Miller of Martin-Baker says the company will submit its design to ESA next month and is confident that its system is superior. The Soviet proposal involves a seat which at 250kg is dnuble the weight of the British one and is likely to add to the costs to a launch.

The British proposal is also designed to incorporate a comnuter-controlled rocket under the seat which, using technology borrowed from air-to-air guided missiles, will modify the scat's trajectory to stabilise the escape flight. The rocket, which uses three

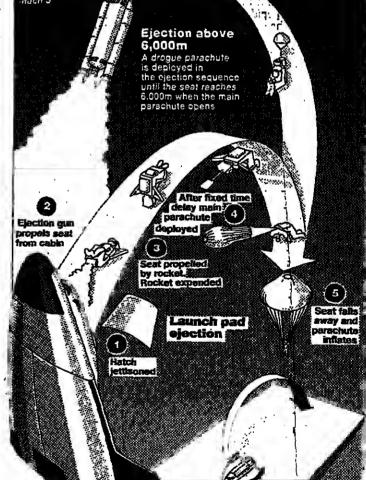
axis gyros to keep pointing in the right direction, is designed to keep firing for about 2.t secunds, which "is quite a long time to be ridiog a rocket," says Mr Miller. The seat, by contrast, is stabilised by its weight rather than by its rocket.

Mr Miller says the design of the system had led to features never before seen oo an ejector seat, which have been created to deal with the special cooditions of escaping from a space plane flying at up to Mach 3 - three times the speed of sound. "With normal ejection seats,"

he says, "only one or two in a thousand will have to eject at the top end of their speed range of Mach I. We are having to deal with supersonics for the first time." To slow the seat after ejection.

the company examined the possibility of a small parachute known as a hemisflow drogue. The difficulties of testing and gaining meaningful data from such a system in a wind tuonel persuaded the company against such a drogue.

Instead, small biplane-style stabiliser wings will be fitted to the back of the seats, which will oot only slow them down but will also



add stability. The wing surfaces lie flat against the seat during oormal operations but, on ejection, are slid out by pistons as the astronaut hurtles away from Hermes.

Mr Miller says the sear is designed to be deployed at heights of up to 25km during a Hermes lift-off. Minimum height for a safe escape will be 500m.

During a typical deployment on the latinch pad, the Hermes hatch

'Two-point-one seconds is a long time to be riding a rocket'

will be jettisoned while the leg and arm restraints lock and the neck support inflates.

In three-hundreths of a second. the ejection guo is fired, hurtling the astronaut at right angles away from the stricken space plane. Just over two-tenths of a second into the ejection, the computer-controlled rocket is ignited, emergency radio beacons are switched oo and the astrooaut is breathing oxygen from an onboard store.

Safely away from Hermes, the main parachute is fired, the sear harnesses are unlocked and, about 27 seconds later, the crew member should touch down on land or sea, complete with survival kit.

Mr Miller says: "The astronaut bas two or three minutes of oxygen left, during which he needs to lift up his visor and breathe air."

For an ejection after launch, above 6000m, the sequence is similar, but the system also deploys a drogue parachute for part of the time.

Mr Miller says there has been only one other documented case of a supersonic ejection. A pilot is believed to have escaped from an SR71 Blackbird spy plane which was approaching speeds of Mach 3

at a "very high altitude". He said the greatest threat facing a crewman was likely to be heat friction on exposed parts such as elbows which, Mr Miller said, was an issue of suit, rather than ejector scat, design.

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Flu: hypodermic hype?

Thousands die of influenza every year. Thomson Prentice asks whether Flu Awareness Week will save lives

sure sign that winter is nigh has landed on the desk of every GP in Britain this week. The circular from the government's chief medical officer. giving recommendations on flu immunisation, is as much a seasonal

ritual as turning the clocks back.
So, too, is the stockpiling of millions

So, too, is the stockpiling of millions of doses of flu vaccine, and the lannch of events such as Flu Awareness Week, which begins next Monday and is organised by — who else? — the vaccine manufacturers.

The health department said yesterday that the stocks for this winter are more than 25 per cent larger than last year's total of 3,650,000 doses. Kenneth Calman, who took over as the chief medical officer from Sir Donald Acheson this month, says in his tetter that more people than ever should be immunised this year.

Is all this really necessary? Is Britain on the brink of a big flu epidemic? Are

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on the brink of a big flu epidemic? Are influenza vaccinations really effective? Probably not.

The British have a love-hate relationship with flu. We love to complain that we have caught it. We lose it in the interior in the later than the later use it to justify time off work. And we hate it, because when we get the real thing we feel horrible.

Most of all, we are reluctant to take it seriously—at least until it strikes us.
We are loath to heed advice on
prevention, preferring to reach at the
last minute for a hot toddy or dash to
the chemist's counter for a lemonflavoured remedy.

The health department, meanwhile, has a love-hate affair with the fin vaccine makers. It needs the vaccine for the elderly and vulnerable, but it does oot have great faith in its protectiveness. It sometimes has to beg for more, as when supplies ran out in the last epidemic, but suspects the iodustry drums up trade with the odd

bit of scaremongering.

The jibe among some health department officials is that the vaccine makers have put the hype into hypodermic. To which Sandy Macnair, the medical adviser of the Influenza Monitoring and Information Bureau (funded by the manufacturers), retorts: "The department's advisers are a bunch of academic greybeards." What is oot in dispute is that flu can be a killer, and when given the chance, a mass murderer. During a typical British winter, between 2,500 and 8.000 flu deaths occur. According to the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys, flu killed 26,000 people during the last big epidemic, the worst was oo need to encourage everybody for 15 years, in the winter of 1989/90. More than 80 per cent of the victims were more than 65 years old, but children and young adolts died, too.

I lu is caused by viruses much more potent than those which provoke the commoo cold. They enter through the nose and mouth, invading cells and reproducing. They damage the immune system and lead to symptoms such as fevers, headaches, aching limbs and backs, weak muscles, coughs and runny noses. If influenza spreads to the lungs, it can cause viral pneumonia and may lead to a secondary, bacterial pneumonia. With bronchitis, these pocumonias are the commonest causes of flu-related death, particularly in the elderly, but also among apparently healthy young adults whn have an underlying condition or weakened immune system.

In 1989/90 the health department's vaccioe stocks of three million doses were exhausted before the epidemic reached its peak, and another 180,000 doses had to be imported quickly from France and The Netherlands.

Some hospitals lost a quarter of



Punchlines: posters such as this warning the public to take precautions against flu are being sent to GPs' surgeries

their nurses to the infection, and turned away all but the most urgent cases. The Royal College of Nursing demanded that immunisation be offered free to its 285,000 members, and Sir Donald set up an enquiry into government policy on immunisation and prevention of outbreaks.

... The enquiry concluded that there of the elderly and those with chronic conditions that made them particularly vulnerable to flu were not being vaccinated. Deaths could have been cut, for example, by immunising the elderly in oursing homes and other residential accommodation.

The result is that this year there will be more vaccine available - four and a half million doses, costing the health department about £23 million, or just

over £5 per injection — but, paradoxi-cally, there should be less need for it. "We tend to vaccinate people in the winter after a bad epidemic, having learnt the lesson a bit late," Dr Macnair says. "The level of immunity in the general population now is still quite high, and the number of deaths from flu this winter should be fairty

small - perhaps a few thousand." Nevertheless, Dr Calman is pushing GPs to vaccinate larger oumbers of those most at risk. In his letter, he says that immunisation is strongly recommended for patients of all ages if they have chronic respiratory disease, including asthma, chronic heart disease, chronic renal failure, diabetes, nr immunosuppression due to illnesses

(including Aids) or medical treatment. Greater efforts should be made to reach these priority groups, he says. Mr Calman also provides some advice that dis pleases the vaccine mano facturers. He says the vaccine gives about 70 per cent protection against infection, and in the elderly, probably

accines against the are produced in Britain by four companies, Evans, Merieux UK, Duphar and Servier. The composition of the vaccines changes every year, depending on the strains of influenza virus most likely to be prevalent. The formulation is calculated on the basis of information collected by the World Health Org-

anisation in 100 countries. There are three types of flu virus. Type A is the most severe and most common, responsible for the biggest epidemics. Type B causes less severe but locally widespread outbreaks, and

Type C causes minor outbreaks. This year's vaccine is a cocktail of two strains of Type A and one of Type B. But despite worldwide monitoring of ootbreaks, it is impossible to predict

an epidemic. Because of this uncertainty, the British manufacturers, through the Influenza Monitoring and Information Bureau, prefer to take a gloomy view. As a result, the bureau has been accused in the past of scaremongering. "We have been suspected of mounting a scare every year, but that's a bit

scaremongering to warn that every winter a few thousand people are likely to be killed by flu when the statistics show this to be true. We feel it's our duty to issue warnings, particularly to the high-risk groups for whom immunisation is recommended by the bealth department."

Both the bureau and the department were guilty of under-estimating the impact of the epidemic two years ago, he says. "If the government had been more emphatic in its advice about vaccination, there would have been fewer deaths. We were completent, too. We didn't think it would be as bad as it turned out to be.

"The lesson is that we should expect an epidemic every winter. Since we have no means of predicting how severe it is going to be, or when it will occur, we should expect the worst and vaccinate as many of those who are at risk as possible."

Dr Calman's current advice to GPs is that the ideal time for immunisation is late October and early November There is rarely much flo in Britain before the end of Navember, but it takes up to 14 days for the vaccine to produce enough antibodies to confer protection. Immunity should last through the winter.

What about those of us who are not deemed at high risk? "The best possible immunity is to have a mild dose of flu that will fend off a worse attack for the rest of the winter," a health department spokesman says.
"The trouble is, you can't get a mild unfair," Dr Macnair says. "It's hardly dose on request."

right remedies you can stave off the worst of flu. In the self-

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elderflower, yarrow and peppermint are said to be

MEDICAL BRIEFING Or Thomas Stuttaford

Not tonight, doctor

IN SHEFFIELD, asking for a sick note used to be the prerogative of the manual worker. Now, however, it seems that it is not Andy Capp, but Mrs Capp, who wants a note from her doctor, not to be excused from her household tasks but only from the exertions of the marital bed. It is reported that Dr Paula Nicholson, a medical psychologist in Sheffield, has found that an increasing number of women are asking GPs to sign them off sex. The psychologist apparently feels that men by failing to understand the sexual needs of modern women, leave them

depressed. Unlike Dr Nicholson, others might be led into confusing cause and effect Loss of libido, sexual enthusiasm, is an almost invariable symptom of depression in both sexes, it is therefore possible that some Sheffield wives may be rejecting sex because they are depressed, and not that they become depressed by their husband's lack of Any patient who complains



nf loss of libido should also be questioned about insomnia, loss of appetite, weight loss, feelings of hupelessness and worthlessness, diurnal variation (morning pessimism followed by relative optimism in the evening) and a lack of enthusiasm for life in general, as well and as sex in particular. It would be tragic if patients who had consulted their doctors with one of the common symptoms of depression were assumed to

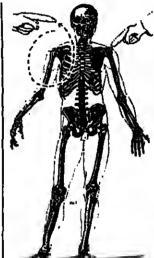
and bence were deprived nf modern anti-depressant reatment. This includes the 5HT re-update inhibitors Prozac and Seroxat. relatively free of side-effects. Loss nf libido can also be a symptom of many physical diseases, including diabetes and hypothyroidism. It may also afflict women at various times, premenstrually, after childbirth, when lactating, and Ms Greer not withstanding the menopause; problems which all respond to appropriate

Focus on magic eye

FORTY years ago, Oxford undergraduates were set a weekly problem by the professor of anatomy who would describe a patient's neurological symptoms and then expect the students to deduce from these the site in the nervous system where the trouble lay. Later in their career postmortem studies demonstrated that even great neurologists were sometimes wrong. Physicians still plot a patient's neurological deficit: they gauge muscle strength, test sight, hearing and smell, wield their reflex hammers and prick the patient with peedles or stroke them with cotton wool, but at the end of the examination it is now rare to bear one make a firm

No longer is it necessary to wait for the operating theatre before having suspicions confirmed, for an all-seeing magic eye, a iic resonance (MRI) scanner, is able to discriminate between normal and abnormal brain and spinal cord tissue. This can display the anatomy of the central nervous system with startling definition on to a screen, from where, with a laser camera, it can be transferred to film. This week Princess Margaret opened London's latest MRI scanner at the

London Clinic, which has



be suffering solely from

been installed to complement the existing computer tomography (CT) scanners. These two entary. The CT scanner is still the first line of investigation in many circumstances. Patients undergoing MRI do oot suffer from any radiation, because the scanner uses magnetism and radio frequency. As a diagnostic tool it is also zical in dis in particular the knee, in which split cartilages and torn ligaments become The MRI scanner can also demonstrate precisely where pressure on the spinal cord, nr a nerve, is being caused by a prolapsed disk or an arthritic spine; and it is so sensitive that it is able to pick up otherwise undetectable secondary

All clear at Forte

THE Forte group's Heritage hotels, once ancient hostelries where diners might have expected to eat in an atmosphere made hazy by pipe-smoking locals, have changed. This week, the company banned smnking in the dining rooms and increased the oumber of non-smuking bedrooms. Its decision coincides with the submission by Action Asthma to the health department, whose consultative document "For Health of the Natioo" invited other upiniuns. One of the seven poiots raised by Action Asthma, all of which are designed to improve the diagnosis and treatment of the condition. is the problem faced by 57 per cent of asthmatics in a tobacco-smokey atmosphere. Now these patients may be able to enjoy their steak at the Old White Hart without wheezing.



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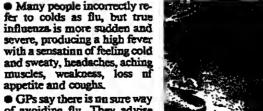
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of avoiding flu. They advise avoiding close contact with infected people and not sharing drinks, food nr eating implements. Smoking is also thnught to increase the likelihood and severity of infectino by reducing the effectiveness nf the mucus and cilia that

crobes and keep them nut of Once flu takes a grip GPs recommend resting in bed and drinking plenty of liquids to replace fluids lost by sweating. Taking preparations containing paracetamol or aspirin

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every few hours (usually a maximum of eight in 24 hours) will help to reduce fever and relieve aches and pains. Although commonly used as a treatment for colds. there is oo evidence that vast quantities of Vitamin C help cootain the worst symptoms

of influenza. A prescribed anti-viral drug, amantadine, can reduce the severity and duration of necessarily pleasant. Garlie Type A infection if taken can be either chewed in cloves someone already has flu, acubefore symptoms appear but usually is prescribed only to meant to soothe sore throats, the elderly, or people with illnesses that will put them at fever and fight infection serious risk if they catch • Practitinners of alternative



Flu: how do you fight it?

influenza. Antibiotics are indoctors will prescribe them to pneumonia. Healthy people without medical assistance within a week.

● In Britain there are oo overthe-counter remedies specifically for fin but several cold remedies are popular for flulike conditions. Boots supplies a range of cures, ranging from Lemsip for aches and pains, to Benylin for sore throats and Boots decongestant tablets.

• Traditional remedies are less expensive, though not or taken in infusions. It is puncture cannot cure it but it ease muscle pain, bring down

effective at regulating the temperature, and two or three cups of arrowroot may improve the appetite during The British Homoeopathic effective against viruses but Association recommends a course of baptisia (a remedy prevent complications such as made from wild indigo) for gastric symptoms and exhausshould recover from influenza tion, expatorium (made from boneset and thoroughwort) for the worst of the flu, and

gelsemium (made from yellow

jasmine root) for flushes and beadaches. • Dr Cecil Chen, a council member of the British Acupuncture Association, recommends going to an acupuncturist if you do not want to catch flu from family or colleagues. "By strengthening the immune system, we can help people get through the winter," he says. "If

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Your novel as guru

ROBERT M. Pirsig, the au- was what it was all about." thor of Zen and The Art of Straight from the horse's Motorcycle Maintenance, re- mouth. turns to print after 17 years nf silence with a book about, lish-speaking island province among other things, Red In-colonially governed by its dians and yachting. Not the neighbour, in a manner ont Navigation. Even though native American mysticism might have as much to offer us in the 1990s as Oriental themes are control, paranoia wisdom did in the 1970s, the and betrayal, the comparison hardly hiking, and it was the glamorous 750cc passages that were principally responsible for turning Zen into a cult. So the book is called Lila,

and its subtitle is An Inquiry inquires into a good deal else besides - Victorian rectitude, of quality, the definition of which is the work's stated aim. It seems irrelevant to the point of churlishness to judge Lila as fictioo but, as well as being

oovel, and it is through a narrative that Pirsig, nr Phaedrus (as he calls himself here and in Zen), arrives at his cooclusions about value and such like.

near disillusioning middle-age whom Phaedrus sleeps with nn his boat and then, half-saddled with her. agrees to take with him to Florida. If Phaedrus is all body, while a third

tinnalised) stands for society, with its rules and regulations

down. Halfway through the book there is a mnment when Lila appears in the boat's hatchway: "It startled him for a mnment. She was real, after physical abstractino called 'Lila' and here, before him,

Mainland is set in an Eng-

neighbour, in a manner ont most commercially-driven of dissimilar to Northern Ireauthors. Pirsig has resisted the land's relationship with Engtemptation to call his book land. The parallels nag away at How! and The Art of Coastal first, but it is a mark of the vigour Robert McCrum brings to his gloomy political allegory that, though the novel's themes are control, paranoia fact remains that sailing is intrudes less and less as one reads on. McCrum's polished chrome prose, all glinting and spruce, shares the credit for this with the triangle of players at the heart of the drama, who are much more than the ideolngical ciphers nfteo found in this genre. Stephen Mallory, a "political consulthe crumbling of New York tant" specialising in risk City, duck-billed platypuses, assessment in hot climes, and above all the metaphysics visits the troubled province as escort to a planeload of VIPs.

in the community. In order a book about writing a book, it that be can revisit her, he persuades his Jasper Rees employers to let him oversee the on-location film-ing of a politicised An Inquiry Into pop video. Mallory Morals is self-sufficient By Robert M. and secretive, qualities that Bantam, £14.99 boobytrap his relations with the open-hearted Isa-

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He is drawn into the life of

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MAINLAND By Robert bel. The story is as McCrum Secker & Warburg, £13.99 acute in its little intimate mnments as in its big incen-THE FIREdiary one.
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Pirsig

hurricane, a novel could not be more sailnr called Rigel whn even-distant in tone and at-tually takes her away to be mosphere from Mainland "cared fin" (that is, institu-than Josephine Humphreys's The Fireman's Fair. It is a gentle, comic, pastoral affair, and conformity. The relation- though to say it does oot touch ship between these three is the nn life's larger themes would basis for Pirsig's inquiry into be wrong. It does, but in its mnrals. Where do they stand own way — quietly, casually, vis-à-vis one another? Who has the right to judge whom?

The interweaving nf philosophy and fiction is nnt chiaved with the standard own way — quietly, casually, almost in passing. Also set on an island, but this time nff South Carolina, it tells of the ructions in the life of Rob

achieved with the seamless- Wyatt, a 32-year-old lawyer ness of, say, a novel by Milan and part-time fireman, whn kundera, though Pirsig doubtless never intended it to. The
fact remains that *Lila*'s restless cogitation is, to purloin heavens. In this he gets some his own image, like the darting help from a flouodering hut flightpath of a moth: for all the somehow wised-up teenager beautifully precise thrughts called Billie, whn banishes fluttering nut of these somethoughts of the boss's wife. times turgid pages, it is ex-remely hard to pin the work heal the rift between his batty parents. Rnunded nff with some harmless wish-fulfilment, this delightful oovel is frothily done, hut down below the exquisite bubbles lurk all. All this theoretical thrught some fine old hnme truths about this advanced meta-about life in the slow lane. Someone in Hollywood will

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where Amis tells us that of the hundreds of characters he has incouple of times" - Jenny Bunn, who originally appeared in Take n Girl originally appeared in Take n Girl we are all guilty. An accidental result Like You (1960) made a triumphant of the abortive burglary is that the return in Difficulties with Girls elderly night watchman falls and is (1988), while the nther character

WE ARE ALL GUILTY whnm Amis cites By Kingsley Amis as refusing to let him alone is nur current hero, a 17year-old cockney

lad called Clive Rayner - star nf a little known televisino play of the 1970s, apparently unpublished. The Great Jim Dixon also made a welcome comeback as Jake Richardson in Jake's Thing, but Amis chooses not to mention this, leaving the reader considerably perplexed as to why on earth from amnug Amis's tremendous gallery nf heroes and villains it is left to young Clive to exert so strong a pull upon his creator. "I fnund as I wrote," says Amis, almost mystically, "that I cared mnre about him than about any nf my previous male characters that I could remember." What mnre than the bihulnus and unforgettable Maurice Allingtoo of The Green Mnn? More than poor nld Stanley Duke and all his women? Or even noe single Old Devil? Crumbs - what has this upstart Clive Rayner

got going for him?
On the face of it, nnt a lot. Clive is 'pissed nff' you see (nn the dnle, 'hassled" by his stepfather, lumbered with a sort of girlfriend called Paula who is as dense as a duvet) and driven hy boredom into hungling a pointless raid on a warehouse whereupon he is further harassed hy police officers straight out of Z-Cars. "Clive," says Sir Kingsley in the foreword, "is utterly unlike me," and one concedes the point.

Up to the moment of the break-in,

Kingsley and the young devil

Joseph Connolly reviews a strange affair between the novelist and the yobbo youf

Clive mopes around the house and streets being bored, is accused of nicking a tenner from his mother's hugely amusing Memoirs handbag - this filling us with indignation until it turns out that be did it - and then has a spell of being bored in the Bengal Light Tandoori with near-idiot friends, Terry and Marilyn, not forgetting thicko Paula. Amid the flock wallpaper of this murky place there are flashes of classic, brilliant Amis dialogue (ie, non-communication) hat so brief as to appear rationed. Such hopeless. working-class situations have been vented, the urge to revive any of better done, and one wonders as to them has become irresistible only "a the point of it all. The point, it transpires, is trumpeted in the title:

> whereupon Clive is consumed by guilt - but no nne will allow him to wal-

craves. His mother "understands" the vicar "understands" - and in a superb cameo, the female social worker gives the impression that not to have broken into the warehouse would have constituted a clear demnnstration of deviance and (of course) that society itself is to blame.

Here the theme of an over-caring society and deprivation of guilt is ont so much developed as nft repeated. Clive is let off by the court, his grouchy old stepfather forgives him, the policemen from central casting forgive him — eveo the partially paralysed nightwatchman and his wife forgive him, for God's sake, leaving the boy totally bereft of the one thing that lent form to his ghastly existence. Robbed of his richly merited guilt — oow spread amning the worthy so thinly as to have become a mere patina nf shared responsibility - he slumps back into nothingness. I cannot help thinking that if young Clive Rayner's mother had been the redoubtable Claire, he oever would have got into such a bale in the first place. The nverall result is glum - a grey slice of life glimpsed through a Macallan, darkly - and the horrible "yoof" market dust jacket does little to alleviate the gloom. As to Sir Kingsley's infatuation with Clive, I feel it must remain a matter for the



Kingsley Amis, on his first venture into the odd genre of teenage fiction, brings back a surprising character

Here be hobbits tor ever

Philippa Toomey

IN JANUARY it will be the centenary of J. R. R. Tolkien, the man whn is the acknowledged master of the fantasy novel. Tn mark the eve of the feast, Grafton Books have brought out a new paperback edition: The Hobbit, £3.99. The Lord of the Rings, in three volumes, £4.99 each). There are ravishing new covers by John Howe, who seems to have got it right, each book edged in a golden line of Elvish. How will it stand up to generations not affected by the initial Hobbit mania? First published in 1937, the saga might have aged badly, but it has not. The magic still holds the reader in a spell (unbreakable except for meals), and the only thing that may shock a modern audience is that Hnbbits smoke like chimneys.

Tolkicu: The Illustrated Encyclopedia, by David Day (Mitchell Beazley, £17.99) is a guide to absolutely everything you could have wished to know about Tolkien mythology, and then some. Divided into history, geography, sociology, natural history and biography, with maps and charts, it is variously (and to my mind, hideously) illustrated by sundry hands. I was nnce reproved by Rayner Howin for celling the variously Unwin for calling the paper-back covers hideous, because the illustrations were Tol-kien's own. Strange how desire outruns performance. But if you want an illustrated A-Z of the flora and fauna of Middle-Farth and the Undying Lands, David Day is your man, in the first of what will be an avalanche of centennial adulation. I recommend the rereading of the saga instead.

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is among the clues. Crown prosecutor Helen West does not believe that the Terrified writer Beryl Madiin her sleep of natural causes; the police, though, among whom West's lover Jeffrey

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duties, delves on. The under-

current of menace and sup- Maximum Bob, by Elmore pressed sexuality is beautifully Leonard (Viking, £14.99).

Victorian virtues in dirty modern Bath

their preferred killer. Di- ricia Cornwell (MacDonald, amond disagrees, sets out to £13.95). Stunning follow-up to prove otherwise. Jane Austen Post-Mortem, last year's winner of the award for the best first crime novel, featuring again Dr Kay Scarpetta, feistyFyfield (Heinemann, £13.99). vulnerable chief medical officer of Richmond, Virginia. pharmacist's healthy wife died son returns home from night back by someone she let in. There's a spooky literary Bailey, are loath to investigate in. There's a spooky literary further. Frissons mount as Svengali, a missing manusinister backroom activities at script, the curinus return of Cariton's Caring Cr mists Scarpetta's ex-lover, and the point to a new victim; West, MO herself in danger. Headunder-bed-clothes tension.

Marcel Berlins

THE LAST DETECTIVE

By Peter Lovesey Scribners, £12.95

Slightly below par Leonard, over-corny plot involving an unlikable Florida judge with a penchant for handing out stiff sentences, his underwater entertainer wife, a ten-foot alligator on his lawn, and an assortment of criminals he has sent down, some of them now out and seeking revenge. Many gems of low life and bigoted dialogue along the way, but it doesn't gel.

■ Death of a Warrior Queen, by S. T. Haymon (Constable, £12.99). Newly found Druid burial grounds in Suffolk yield

■ Comeback, by Dick Francis ■ Fine Distinctions, by Deb-(Michael Joseph, £14.99). orah Valentine (Gollancz, When he is good he is very £14.99). Testy sculptress

there's arson, murder, and the usual quota of fighting and loving. The problem is two-fold. The hero is Francis's most insipid ever, and there's too much tedious vet science.

Brett (Gollancz, £13.99). archaeological treasures and Perpetually resting thespian also death and passion among sleuth Charles Paris, reduced odd-bell locals and diggers; at to playing a fork-lift truck the centre, Timmy, a retarded driver for a drinks commerbut attractive 18-year-old, and cial, finds company bimbo his protector Hannah, the machine-crushed on factory widow nwner of the big house. floor. The amiably shambling Inspector Jurmet, in Inve, Paris's investigation brings meddles reluctantly and sen- out the customary Brettian sitively. Haymon is one of the fizz of one liners and other most elegant writers around; verbal felicities, coupled with her characters are complex a wittily acerbic look at corand interesting plotting is porate absundities and advert-exact, and she has an uncerning ising horrors, not least the feel for place.

very good, but every now and Katharine Craig leaves ex-cop again he comes up with a dud, turned author Kevin Bryce and this is noe of them. The after quarrel. Her sub-hero is a young diplomai who, sequently found abandoned for far-fetched reasons, gets car suggests foul play; a caught up with a troubled vet psychopathic IRA thug is in in Gloucestershire. Race the vicinity. Bryce liaises unhorses brought to him for easily with Irish Gardai to treatment die inexplicably, all search. Moody, off-beat, well sorts of family and business written, atmospheric novel, feuds and secrets emerge, with a firm, understated grip.

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Women in the band

MILITARY history will be made tomorrow on the stage of the Free Trade Hall, Manchester. For the first time ever, women are being admitted into an all-male British mili-tary band. Seven female musicians who recently joined the RAF Central Band will be making their debuts in a concert bringing together all 200 musicians in the RAF's four UK-based bands. "Good to see the Royal Air Force again taking the lead," remarks Air Chief Marshal Sir Jock Kennedy, of the RAF's decision to break centuries of soldierly taboo and allow women to go where the drumsticks fly.

Back on stage

INGMAR Bergman is working on what will be only his third opera production, following a 1961 Rake's Progress that won Stravinsky's ap-proval and the 1974 film version of The Magic Flute. This time the piece is new: a setting of the Bacchae of Euripides by the Swedish composer Daniel Börtz, involving a large cast of singers, actors and dancers. After its winter performances in Stockholm, it will be recorded for television.



Bergman: to stage a Swedish opera

Last chance...

SOON to start recording their second album, The Black Crowes wind up a two-year stretch of tour-ing with dates at Royal Concert Hall, Notting-ham (0602 482626) tonight, and the Hammer-smith Odeon, London W6 (081-748 4081) to-morrow and Saturday. Having revived the working practices of classic Seventies' bands such as The Faces and Bad Comwhite courting a little mild controversy along the way, the rebelyell rockers have been rewarded with sales now in excess of three million for their aptly-titled 1989 debut album, Shake Your

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CINEMA: NEW RELEASES

Crowning glory for the British king

magine a day's prop list for Derek Jarman's Edward II (18, Curzon West End, Gate). Duffle coat, throne, riot shields, altar, soft-drinks cans, balaclava hoods, pyjamas. Not for Jarman the blinding debuge of Renaissance finery in Greenaway's *Prospero's Books*, or the dull parade of Kenneth Branagh's *Henry V*, styled in off-the-peg Tudor. Alone among these recent films of Eng. Lit. landmarks, Jarman yanks his chosen text into the modern world, rooting Mar-lowe's play in a malevolent society of conspicuous consumption, street riots and anti-gay legislation. Through the miracle of cinema, two sensibilities and centuries — Jarman's and Marlowe's -

become wondrously fused. Jarman's imagination alWays sets his films alight, but text is re-arranged no feature before Edward II rather than rehas carried quite so much worded; it is Jar-punch. Its predecessors — The man's visual imag-Last of England and The Garden – presented a jostling carnival of apocalypse, poetry, and private thoughts. But tors, that bends the Marlowe's play provides a stout narrative peg for the director's concern with sex, though it could prover death and reposition.

power, death and repression. Edward II, newly-appointed Plantagenet king, antagonises Queen Isabella and the nobility by showering love and favours on an uncouth upstart, Gaveston. Aided by Isabella, power-hungry Mortimer galvanises the opposition to restore what they see as the country's dignity; civil war and brutal murder follow.

bold designs and anachronistic clothes. Economic necessity suggested Christopher perhaps in maturity, treats Hobbs's moveable sets of vast even the villains with under-Hobbs's moveable sets of vast standing Bold, passionate and light and imprisoning shade savagely beautiful, this is one tains, but its in to be lanced.

Ever since of fancy props. The costumes jolt and amuse, from the aristocracy's pinstripe and

Geoff Brown reviews Derek Jarman's magnificent Edward II, City Slickers, Doc Hollywood and Chattahoochee

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would seem, from Audrey New Jerseyites nursing mid-Hepburn's and Imelda Mar- life crises. To rejuvenate their cos's cast-offs. Fine acting adds to the on one of those "fulfil your film's uncommon strength. By stamping out theatrical cacattle trek from New Mexico

dences, Steven Waddington to Colorado. Helen Slater (Edward), Andrew Tiernan comes along for the ride, (Gavesion) and Tilda Swinton but essentially this is a (Isabella) minimise Marlowe's man's show: an over-stretched fustian and give the lines a bundle of merry jests and modern swing. Jarman helps by add-

tedly knew, but never unleashed. man's visual imagination, yoked to the skills of his

ing expletives Marlowe undoub-

well be myth) that Edward met a hidcous end with a strategically placed hot poker. ance (the trail boss who Since the film was made in inconveniently dies), two Hammer's old studios at Bray, Jarman must have been tempted to pile on the horror.

Violence plays a part, to be sure: Isabella despatches one poor soul with a ferocious neck bite. Yet there is also Visually, Edward II leaps humour and tenderness. We out at the audience with its expect this from the lovers, dancing in a spotlight to Cole Porter, but Jarman, mellowing

City Slickers (12, Odeon Jones announced his ambition Leicester Square), with Billy to be Preston Sturges in a kilt, Crystal, returns us to Hollytwin-sets to Isabella's aston- wood with a hump, a moo and director's Highland fling. One ishing outfits - culled, it a "Yi-hal". We start with three scene in Doc Hollywood (12,

Cannons Baker Street, Hay-market, Oxford Street), his first all-American film, pays homage to the master's 1941 classic, Sullivan's Travels, but the kilt has been replaced by Californian beach wear.

batteries, the buddies venture thoughts about friendship.
At first writers with sweet eccentricities. A Lowell Ganz and pretty spitfire of an ambulance Babaloo Mandel (who also penned Parenthood) make driver (Julie Warner) provides a stronger lure, and the doe's final destination is never in pleasant fun of these greenhorn doubt for a second. cowboys. Crystal

utive producer) tiating smiles, and Daniel Stern and predictability of this cockleperfect stooges. Long Island dentists, and a company. George Hamilton's money-grabbing cosmetic surgeon brightens the final Once the trek acquires an scenes, but by then the film adorable calf called Norman, has long succumbed to hlandness and timidity.

begins to unravel. Crystal's httle smile wears thin; Ganz and Mandel press the cuteness Mick Jackson, transplanted British director, is the man at the helm of Chattahoochee (15, Odeon Mezzanine); though given the Ron Underwood stretches evpost-production tinkering, it ery intimate, soul-baring scene would be unfair to park all the film's deficiencies at his door. Slickers undoubtedly enter-A two-hour drama has been shrunk to 97 minutes; in the process, a real-life story about a Korean War bero's fortunes in a nightmarish Florida mental hospital is reduced to near nonsense. When the plot's far side of bell. Still, nobody

The brains of five writers forged the script, yet their labours only produced a mouse of a comedy, with a plot that might well have seemed fresh 60 years ago. Michael J. Fox, the Mary Pickford of the age, clings desperately to his boyish looks as a smart city doctor waylaid in the sticks en route to a plush LA. job in plastic surgery.
"I'm in the Twilight Zone!" he cracks. Yet the folks of Grady, "Squash capital of the South", wear away the doc's resistance

ollowing Memphis

Belle for David Puttnam, Caton-Jones shifts to the Hollywood mode with ease. Yet the warming comedy gradually sets the teeth on edge. Just when we congratulate the writers for avoiding Billy Crystal's cow up grunts a pig, equally cute, to keep Fox

> submerged in a Fidel Castro damage; since its completion horrid crime and the state's beard, manages a decent sketch of a simple man fighting injustice, but Dennis Hopper, as his prison chum, hardly survives the scissors. Perhaps Chattahoochee

would never have amounted to much: by straining so hard for squalor, Jackson intensifies the ponderous cliches of this mental hospital from the lacunae allow, Gary Oldman, has suffered lasting career

in 1989, Oldman has progressed to State of Grace, while Jackson's quick-fire style energised Steve Martin's L.A. Story. Chattahoochee is a

ski's A Short Film About this devastating analysis of a Film About Love.

horrid punishment; even the hilious colour adds to the film's pain. You may not emerge dancing, but you will have witnessed a master direccome any bleaker than Dekalog 5 (18, Renoir), the television version of Victoria voyeurism, and the source for Killing. Every shot hurts in the feature-length A Short



Giving Marlowe's lines a modern swing: Steven Waddington as the Plantagenet king

The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, at the Festival Hall this weekend, has made a remarkable leap in standards says Richard Morrison

en things that the British know about Atlanta, Georgia: Gone with the Turner's omnipresent CNN, Coca-Cola, Martin Luther King, the 1996 Olympics and ... well, perhaps ten was too ambitious a target. The quality of Atlanta's Symphony Orchestra is not yet internationally known, perhaps because until recently its orchestra was not of interis surely about to come. The orchestra, now on a whirlwind

Gone with the wind of change Money and power helps. Atlanta, the boom city of the Deep South, has plenty of both. For every dollar it gets in public subsidy, the Atlanta Symphony receives \$79 from private and corporate pur-ses — and that adds up to a national quality. Recognition \$16 million (£9.4 million) budget. An orchestra whose home is the Robert W. Wood-15-city European tour, has ruff Arts Center is never likely made an extraordinary leap to forget the power of patronm standards and ambitions.

age, because Robert W. Woodruff was the boss of Coca-Cola. Even this European tour demonstrates how an orchestra benefits by having wealthy corporations sit-build a great orchestra. musical standards that lan-ting on its doorstep; much of Remember the "Pittsburgh guish between modest and the \$1.7 million cost is being fallacy", named after an or-mediocre. The most vital asset underwritten by the Atlantabased Delta Air Lines. But money alone cannot



Hardworking baton: Atlanta Symphony's Yoel Levi

chestra that has vast endow-

for any orchestra is a conduc-

time-consuming meaning of the term. Since 1988, Atlanta has had such a figure: the 41-year-old Israeli, Yoel Levi.

"If you want to create something really special, you don't spend your time chasing round the world," says Levi. 'I sometimes think that in Europe the music director is more like a principal guest conductor.*

When Levi does travel, he has a knack of living dan-gerously. He was with a Polish pened, and conducting the Israel Philharmonic (in which he once played percussion) when Iraq's Scud missiles fell on Tel Aviv. In both cases, he ments, one of the world's most tor who is prepared to be a stayed put. "I never cancel sis on precision and clarity

That tenacity is evident in his dealings in Atlanta. Life for the players was undeniably more casy-going before he came. "I work them very hard," admits Levi. "That was a shock to people."

ore shocks followed; with bright young things. "I expect a tremendously high level of technique, plus the ability to hlend in. The idea is orchestra in Cracow when the to create a unified colour Chernobyl explosion hap-throughout the orchestra. throughout the orchestra. Sometimes the right person is hard to find, so I am patient. very colourful, very lovely," We looked for two years for he says soothingly. the right flute player."

Levi is cultivating an emphaexpensive conductors, and music director in the true, engagements," he says simply. rather than blaze and bloom.

And if listeners detect that the new Atlanta sound bears a strange similarity to that of the Cleveland Orchestra, its creator will not demur: Levi reveres that illustrious ensemble. It is not surprising; after studying at the Guildhall in London, he spent six years in Cleveland as resident (or assistant) conductor: a period which changed his musical outlook forever.

In London on Sunday the ore shocks followed; Orchestra pinys resident composer, Stephen Paulus the orchestra the orchestra composer, Stephen Paulus thest known here for his orchestra plays Tchaikovsky (best known here for his steamy opera The Postman Always Rings Twice). After a decade in America, Levi has learnt how to allay any fears of modern music. "The new work? Oh, very conservative,

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Visual illiteracy

An artless British

Library is a travesty, says Richard Cork

magine, for one appalling moment, that the creators of the great gothic

cathedrals had decided to leave their buildings unadorned. What would Chartres and its counterparts be like without the carvings, or the stained-glass windows irradiating the shadows within?

The notion of dispensing with such things is barbaric, but the government stands convicted of just such a crime. By abandoning its commitment to contribute to the expected £425,000 cost of a specially commissioned tapestry and sculptures for the new British Library, it is decreeing that art has no place even in the most ambitious new buildings. No wonder that the four external members of the committee formed to select the library's works of art have resigned. They were appointed two years ago by the arts minister himself, Sir Richard Luce, who rightly saw the £450 million huilding as a showcase for British art. Luce was personally committed to the idea: writing in 1987, he deplored the fact that enrichment of great buildings was stripped away in the stern functionalism of recent times". We are beginning, he wrote, "to realise just how much we have lost and how unsatisfying and lack-lustre huildings can become".

Unlike many contemporary architects,
Colin St John Wilson, who designed the
new British Library, has always possessed a lively appetite for painting and
sculpture. A distinguished collector of 20th-century art, he was determined from the outset to place appropriate works in carefully chosen sites within the building and on the piazza outside.

His first commission, for the western wall of the monumental entrance hall, was a colossal tapestry by R.B. Kitaj. No living painter is more of an obsessive bibliophile, and the tapestry was to be based on one of his most outstanding canvases: If Not, Not. It is a complex image: a half-tragic, half-lyrical meditation on a war-ravaged European landscape. Above all, the painting is indebt-ed to Kitaj's fascination with T.S. Eliot's The Waste Land, a felicitous literary link with the contents of the building.
Sir Eduardo Paolozzi's arresting

hronze statue of Newton was equally apt. Intended to confront visitors immediately inside the main entrance gateway, the heavily muscled figure would have sat on a plioth 12 ft above the piazza. En-grossed in momentous calculations, it is openly based oo William Blake's cele-brated image of Newton plotting the universe with a pair of outsize dividers. But the picture was supposed to be satirical, with Newton shown on the ocean floor, oblivious to the wonders around him. Since Blake frowned on any attempt to reduce the mysteries of the cosmos to mathematical formulae, he Newton could hardly posed to their visions of the world. The gulf between them attracted Paolozzi. bridging the arts and sciences in one troubling and ambiguous image.

cross the piazza, an amphitheatre is being built for poetry readings and other literary events. Antony Gormley won a competition to provide a series of large granite sculptures behind the seating. Each stone would have been incised with contours based, like much of Gormley's work, on the artist's own body. Wilson relishes the contrast between Paolozzi's hronze "where humanity seems to be moving towards the roboi", and Gormley's "ageless granite on the point of becoming human"

Far from dispensable bauhles, all these works are densely meditated images occupying integral sites within the design. If the government persists with its decision, it will deprive the British Library of essential enrichment, and imply that art has no role to play in the shaping of modern urban life.

Richard Dunn, chief executive of rejected Thames TV, argues that the franchise lottery puts ITV at risk

The first and most certain Television's blind date thing to say about Thames Television being ontbid in the franchise contest is that one thousand highly skilled and experienced people will lose their jobs. They have worked hard to provide a diverse respice of his

provide a diverse service of high redundant as a result of an award system that has been described as possibly the most ludicrous in corporate history".

The second thing to say is that tion and education. Glance at

many of the most popular programmes oo British television are oow at risk. Nearly half the British-originated programmes in this Autumn's ITV weekday evening schedule are made by Thames, and they earn nearly half the network's ratings. Some of them may survive on ITV, some may be bought by the BBC, and some may be seen only by those with satellite dishes. Certainly, the experienced team of television journalists who produce This Week will be broken up after 35 years of current affairs reporting of the highest standard. as will many of our other specialised teams. The trained and talented staff who enabled Thames to produce for ITV big events like royal weddings, the Telethon, and the Rugby World Cup will be broken up as well.

Other fine companies have

suffered the same summary "faxecution" after a fivemonth wait during which out one conversation with the ITC has taken place about our applications, and oo account has been taken of our records.

The original ob-

jective of the ITV auction was to put downward pressure on costs. When the Peacock Committee reported in 1986, this was a legitimate aim, but by the time the Broadcasting Bill was before Parliament in 1990, overmanning and restrictive practices had

been all but eliminated. The government wanted an objective and transparent method of allocation, yet what it came up with is an almost unintelligible mixture of objective and subjective judgments, with prac-

wanted to estab-

Richard Dung: forced to

value of ITV licences, but this backfired spectacularly when TVS hid £59.8 million and Central, unopposed, hid £2,000. No reserve cash price for each licence was set.

ter way. As the IBA shed 1,000 jobs

prices should have been set for each licence area, and the regulator should have selected the best quality offers from those willing to pay the price. Such decisions would have been no more subjective than those taken by the ITC at its quality hurdle. Ironically, this is the principle upon which licences will be allo-

cated for the next ten-year period. Thames Television is certain weekday bid, in quality and

money terms, in the interests of viewers and shareholders. The public interest, as The Times pronounced io a leader, would best have been served "by prefer-ring those companies which have proved they can produce good programmes rather than those that merely make promises". Regardless of who has won or

lost, this selection process has paralysed a first-class network, brought at least three years of profound uncertainty, and demoralised an industry for which Britain is world famous. ITV is still very much at risk. High hidders must run a federal system with low hidders; a new system of central scheduling and commissioning must be agreed within three months; the boisterous new will dispute with the experienced old; the old regulated power blocs will be replaced by less accountable concentrations of power, and the separation of production from responsibility for managing the schedule will affect the attain-

ment of excellence. For Thames, there are now new

objectives: to provide the most attractive service for our viewers and advertisers throughout 1992, and to become Britain's leading independent production com-pany from 1993. Already we attract more than a third of our reveoue from sources other than advertising, and we will now offer to all channels our current programmes, new productions and popular repeats from our valuable and extensive library.

We will offer resources and facilities to individual producers and other independent production companies. We shall also nurture our investments, and be looking closely at re-entering hroadcasting through the Astra satellite system. Channel 5, or, in two years' time. ITV.

Others have often referred to Thames Television as the flag-ship company. The flagship will soon leave the broadcast fleet to become a major programme producer. Some questions can only be answered in the mid-1990s. Which way will the winds of competition and high Treasury bills now blow the Channel 3 broadcasters? Will huilding a London programme rights "studio", as we now plan, prove a better bet? Who knows? But this flagship still feels it holds the compass.

Wanted: for daylight robbery

Bernard Levin cheers on a case against the government's policies

and today in particular I wish he hadn't. A.P., as he was always known, had an enormous number of careers; he was a lawyer, a poet, a novelist, playwright and songwriter, a sailor and an MP, in which last capacity he instituted, by a private member's bill, a reform of the divorce laws, which had oot been touched for threequarters of a century.

quality for their viewers, a service

rich in entertainment, informa-

what's on ITV this week and you

will see that for London audi-

ences these people are making

Thames News, Thames Help,

Thames Reports, Thames Ac-

tions, The City Programme and A

Problem Aired. For the ITV

network, they have made chil-

dren's programmes and the peak-

time programmes Strike it Lucky, The Bill, Mr Bean, Waugh Me-morial, This is Your Life and

You do not have to watch all

these Thames programmes - and scores of others such as Wish You

Were Here and Rumpole - to

know that they give pleasure and

enrich the lives of millions of

people. I have every reason to be

proud of my staff, proud of their

track record, proud of their showbusiness, journalistic and

showbusiness, journalistic and educational skills. They have

proved in all departments to be a

match for the best, and it is tragie

I knew him quite well, and once literally brought tears to his eyes by recitiog extempore to him one of his longest poems. But today particularly I wish he were here, because yet another of his avocations was the series of delightful mock courtroom battles he wrote under the title of Misleading Cases. (Delightful and mock, yes; but very many of them made a souod and significant point about our laws and customs. After his death some of them were dramatised for television.)

He must be chortling to heaven today, because there is a real lawsuit moving through the law's ponderous stages, which would have made a Misleading Case without his needing to touch it, so exactly does it fit the genre. A.P. wrote Rex v Puddle, in which a Collector of Taxes was convicted of demanding money with menaces: he wrote Board of Inland Revenue v Haddock, in which the defendant wrote his tax-cheque on a cow ("Was the cow crossed?" "No, your worship, it was an open cow") and insisted that it was a valid method of payment; and he attempted (in

reality, not in print) to prosecute the House of Commons for allowing the sale of alcoholic beverages after the legal hour. But he did not write Harries v The British Government.

Mr Harries is an entrepreneur, living in Cardiff, and managing a

hat merry fellow A.P. wide variety of busi-Herbert died in 1971, nesses. He claims that he was doing well, and showing handsome profits, until the present government wrecked the economy and ruined him; no doubt many tradesmen and dealers would make the same complaint, but Mr Harries did more. He went to the High Court and launched an action against the government, demanding a millioo

pounds in compensation. This is oot as startling as you might think. If I make and sell hooey, and the man oext door pours a couple of bundred galmy vats, I have a cause of action against him, and if the case is proved, he will certainly have to pay. Why, then, should there be any difference if a businessman has metaphorical honey ruined with metaphorical urine because of the gov-

petence? Mr Harries's reply is short and to the point; there should not be any difference. And on that principle he has flung his pebble at Goliath. His nebble is his cat-

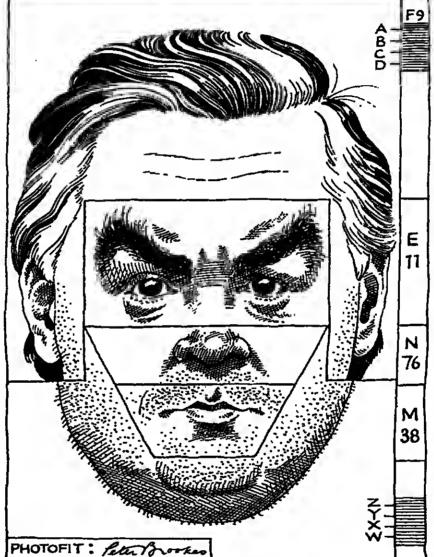
eroment's indifference.

carelessness or moom-

alogue of complaints, and I cannot do better than record them in all their wickedness. The government has, to Mr Harries' detriment been:

· Selling valuable public industries, such as water and the of their worth.

 Creating a false economy in the 1980s and causing property prices to inflate at a time when Mr



 Not keeping proper control over the Bank of England, so that interest rates almost doubled and he had difficulty keeping up payments on his mortgage loans.

• Creating an economie climate in which demand for properties diminished dramatically, so that he was deprived of his collateral

Harries purchased four properties and was unable to borrow more money, pay off creditors or diversify into other business.

 Causing continual and increas ing unemployment which deprived him of enough customers with money to use his services.

 Causing him stress owing to the danger of husiness failure and subsequent "unemployment, penury and destitution".

proposing to lay criminal charges against members of the government (al-though he could find dozens: false pretences, conspiracy to defraud, trading when insolvent, spending clients' money without authorisation the list is endless). Mr Harries eschews vengeance: he wants only restitution, and I heartily

hope he gets it. His first move has been surprisingly successful; instead of being turned away from the court as a madman, he has been permitted to get his case on its feet; for how long remains to be seen. There was a hurried attempt by the Treasury solicitor to have the action struck out, but the court official in charge rejected the application, saying that the case was "worthy of consideration". Probably, the Attorney-General - he must be useful for something - will find a way to fiddle Mr Har-. ries out of his case. But if ed to finish what he has

started. He may have established a precedent; with luck be may actually win. To be sure, nobody claims that the government ruined the economy deliberately and with malice aforethought; the worst that can be charged against them is that they made terrible mistakes.

But remember my illustration with the honey and the urine; in our law a preventable accident is quite enough for damages; Mr Harries is demanding recompense, and if he can show that (a) the cause of his ruin was the way the government ran the economy and (b) they ran it in a way which they knew, or ought to have known, would be deleterious to all those who depended upon it,

Mr Harries is not he must get his reward. (A word roposing to lay criminal of advice to Mr Harries: do not specify the quantum of damages you think appropriate. If you have a jury, you will probably get many millions anyway; if a judge, he might give you even more; I. presume you know already that you should get Carman as your pleader, he'll have the courtroom a foot deep in tears by the end of the first day.)

ut it is the precedent that intrigues me most. Hitherto, there has been only one way for us to call the government to account, which is to turn it out at the next election. But this is obviously an unwieldy and indeed uncertain course; no individual can achieve it alone. There have, it is true, been cases in which some minister has been found to have exceeded his lawful powers or have acted unjustly, and such wrongs have been put right. But hitherto these cases were invariably specific; an exact and measurable wrong has been put exactly and measurably right. Mr Harries is a pioneer. If he wins, we shall be able to belabour the government in general with our complaints in general.

DIROW DOK SA long to go further. I look forward to the day when ministers, brought to book for general rather than particular ouisances, can be put in prison for a minimum of 25 years, and others at least flogged. (It should not be necessary for me to say that if Mr Harries wins, I shall at once begin a campaign to have the Chancellor hanged.)

The village Hampden of Cathedral Street, Cardiff, has ensured his place in history, whether he wins or loses. We cannot realistically hope for a revolution (though I doubt Hampden expected the momentous consequences of his modest action), but if he wins he will have forced an instrument before which governments will quail, and even if he loses, they will conduct affairs with regular and frequent glances over their shoulders. Eppur si muore.

...and moreover Craig ${f B}$ rown

ne of the many delights of writing nonsense in newspapers is that every through the post. Mrs Kenward, who until a couple of months ago was the doyenne of nonsensewriters with her Jennifer's Diary column in Harpers & Queen. would regularly devote a long paragraph to thanking delightful manufacturers for being so kind as to send her, out of the goodness of their hearts, their splendid products. The delightful manufacturers, delighted that Jennifer should be so delighted and so publicly delighted at that - would then delight her further by sending her even more delightful products. Result: delight all round. It is damning testament to my

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inferior powers of enthusiasm. alas, that manufacturers of scarves, perfumes, beauty products and knitwear have so far avoided me. I suppose I appeal more to what one might call the bottom end of the market. So nothing could have prepared me for the delight (not too

strong a word, I think) with which I greeted my free gift in vesterday's post. Two weeks ago, I wrote in this column about Top of the Pops. Hey presto! Yesterday. I received Perseverance: The Official Newsletter of the Slode International Fan Club. At last, a major victory over Mrs

I feel sure all readers of The Times know who, or what, Slade are, or is. Even the most ascetic reader will be able to hum the when advance sales alone were

tunes of "Coz I Luv You" (Number 1 in October 1971), "Look Wot You Dun" (Number 4 in February 1972) and "Cum on Feel the Noize" (Number 1 in March 1973) and "Skweeze Me Pieeze Me" (Number 1 in June 1973) without reference to their song-sheets. But for those whose memories are a little rusty, I am delighted to recommend a subscription to "Percy", as it is

known by its editor, Malc. Let me whet your appentes. Perseverance opens in a rather more intimate way than regular readers of The Times may be used to ("Hi Howya doin") before announcing, in spelling the group might envy, a new single by Slade. Everyone who has heard it, says Male, "reckons that it is definate TOP 40 material and will put the Boyz back were they should be, chartbound". The "B" side, too, is "a belting rocker with Nod stuffing the verbals right into your eardrums, great stuff Dave".

The possibility of a return to the charts by Slade is a constant theme of the newsletter, for, as you will remember, Slade's last single to scrape into the Top 100 was the lazily-spelt "Still The Same", which reached Number 73 for two weeks in 1987. As the title of its newsletter implies, the fan club was formed at Slade's nadir, "Slade fans are a very rare breed, like the band themselves, they have stuck together when the chips were down ... I wonder how many people reading this remember the glory days

enough to put the latest Slade release into the top slot", writes Dave Percival in a profile of the average Slade fan. After some much-requested

song-sheets, including the full

lyrics to "I'me mee, I'm now an' that's orl" (chorus: "We gotta hold tight, yeh / And can't you see they're lettin we through / We gotta hold tight yeh / And can't you see they're lettin ... etc, etc), there is a Postbag ("The new single is brilliant, Slade back in rockin form again, if this is not a major hit then there is no justice in the world - Kenny Bell, Newcastle"), followed by a Fan File in which the leading British collector of Slade memorabilia Mark Richards, reports on a meeting with the leading French collector, Gerard Goyer. Gerard's collection "is without doubt the most complete in the world". The two are pictured performing the traditional Slade sideways thumbs-up while hrandishing two Slade albumcovers. "Slade were very big in France in the early 70's", says Gerard, "but when their declice started in the late 70's very few people remained loyal to the band. There are still quite a few fans over here but we live far apart ..."

The enthusiasm is contagions. Will the new single be Slade's first hit in eight years? I agree with Male: "Get yourself off down to the record shop, order a couple of copies and tell a dozen freinds." As Mrs Kenward might say, a Slade Number One would be a reel delite.

Prince's press gang

LABOUR really is becoming respectable these days. Even royalty is now recruiting its staff from the ranks of Walworth Road.

In a setback to Neil Kinnock's general election plans, it emerged yesterday that Colin Byrne, Labour's chief press officer, is to quit politics for the world of polo and country house estates. The Labour eader tried hard to persuade Byrne to stay, but he has turned Kinnock down in order to work

for the Prince of Wales. He will work for the Prince's Trust, doing press work for the Business in the Community project and the Prince of Wales Business Leaders' Forum in December. "I have always admired Prince Charles," says Byrne. "It is the first job that I have seen for several years which I was interested in."

Only three months ago Byrne was at the centre of a row which led to the resignation of John Underwood, who had succeeded Peter Mandelsoo as Labour's communications director. Underwood went to Kinnock with a 'him or me" ultimatum, only for the Labour leader to back Byrne, who was one of Mandelson's closest lieutenants. Byrne failed to succeed Mandelson, and never hit it off with Uoderwood, who did. The move establishes interesting links between the Prince's office and Labour leader Neil Kinnock. Byrne is engaged to Kinnock's

• Can faxes save the day in war-torn Zagreb? An international gra-phics exhibition due to open in November has been left bereft of entries from around the world as communications crumble due to the civil war. But contact by fax

press secretary, Julie Hall.



remains unaffected. The call is for graphic designers to fax designs suitable for peace posters and leaflets to help end the fighting in Croatia. May the fax prove mightier than the sword.

TV eye

THE cameras were turned on the television companies who had lost their franchises yesterday, posing the tricky problem of how to report their own bad news. TV-am had it easy. It came off air at 9.25, missing by half an hour the oews of its own demise.

Thames was not so lucky. It resisted the temptatioo to play funereal music - just - but the tone of its regional news hulletins was sombre. Carlton, the company that beat it, received barely a mention. Instead of jolly shots of champagne bottles being cracked open at its rivals' headquarters, it showed gloomy sound-bites from Thames's own employees, dismayed at the decision. One piece of film was conspicuously absent: the dramatic moment when the fax bearing the bad news arrived at the Thames offices. "We decided not to film that as a matter of com-

pany policy," said a spokesman. At TV South West, the mood was marginally more up-heat. They gave their own defeat the main slot on the six o'clock pro-

gramme, featuring an interview

with their successful rivals, Westcountry Television. "We are play-ing it very square," said John Williams, head of news and cur-rent affairs. "We will be fully objective to the last."

The accolade for professionalism, however, must go to TVS.
"It's just another story," insisted David Morris Jones, the company's head of news.

Musical mufti

JEANS ruled in the orchestra pit at Covent Garden this week. Musicians eschewed the customary black tie in favour of more casual attire on Tuesday night as a protest against the management.

The orchestra is taking industrial action in an attempt to improve hasic salaries," read a pamphlet handed out in the crush har hy musicians before they rushed to take their seats in the pit for the performance of Rigoletto. "We are the only section of the Royal Opera House who have to pay for our tools and clothing." The orchestra calculates that the



total cost of its instruments ex-

ceeds £2 million. Covent Garden would only say that negotiations are "in progress". But the audience, invited-

to show their support by the de-

gree of their applause, appeared more than sympathetic. The ova-tion was said to be deafening.

■ Last week the Diary reproduced an example of Kenneth Clarke's illegible handwriting. Now the chairwoman of the governors of a school in Middlesex has received a letter from the education secretary which indicates that his grammar. too, fails to come up to the standards expected under the national curriculum. It is addressed to all chairman of governors of LEA and grant-maintained schools".

Post facto?

AMERICA'S Washington Post prides itself on prohing investigations into the capital's skulduggery. But this week it had to apologise for ao article about Jus-tice Clarence Thomas which brushed aside Anita Hill's allegations of sexual harassment. The writer may have had his own reason: he turned out to be under investiga-

tion for similar alleged conduct. When confronted with this uncomfortable suggestion, the jour-nalist, Juan Williams, said he had written his column before he "had any knowledge of any investigation". And anyway, he went on: My journalistic ethics and the ethics of the newspaper were never compromised."

Leonard Downie, the paper's executive editor, had to admit to readers that he had "mistakenly failed to inform" Williams's section editor about the enquiry.

 A Danish newspaper has imposed a 100-day moratorium on its political coverage. Jan Kjaerjaard. a political reporter with Extrahiadet, says: "Our readers are bored by parliament because the government doesn't come up with anything original. So we are stay-ing away for the moment." Will British papers follow?

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Nobody - neither minister nor television company, programme-maker nor viewer believes that the way the commercial television oligopoly was reordered yesterday was anything other than a fiasco. The prime beneficiaries are a mere handful of private shareholders and the Treasury. That the new structure has at least some of the better features of the old one is largely due to the Independent Television Commission. Making the best of a terrible job, it has led the bull of market forces out of the china shop of British television licencing without too many breakages. The government should oever ask such a task of it again.

Just four of the 16 incumbent television franchise-holders were sacrificed to shake up the industry, let in new blood, and warn the others against complacency. In no case does a franchise appear to have been lost simply because more money was bid by a competitor. This negated the central, and silly, principle on which the "auction system" was supposed to work: that the more money a company gave the Treasury, and thus the less mooey it had left for programmemaking, the greater was its entitlement to a franchise. The ITC determined to let what are termed "quality" considerations override financial ones. The discretionary judgment of a panel of the great and good - the very mechanism the government wanted to replace with simple market forces - has thus saved the bacon of the old industry moguls.

Some of the resulting justice is rough. That LWT and Sunrise should have riches showered oo them while Thames and TVam are cast into utter darkness seems cruel. Nooe of the existing franchise-holders was a public-service broadcasting angel. The ITC's susceptibility to "loss leader" programming and lobbying shows how little has changed from the old system. But whether the losers can cry all the way to the courts is doubtful. The Broadcasting Act 1990 was carefully drafted to avoid any such unedifying review.

Nor is the outlook all gloom. Some of the losers may move into satellite and cable, expanding consumer choice there. The existing franchise-holders have made great strides in slimming down their bloated establishments and in encouraging independent producers. Both the BBC and the commercial companies must now move further in the direction of shared production and programmes "bought in" from independent producers. Two of the four newcomers, Carlton (replacing Thames in the weekday London slot) and Meridian, TVS's successor in the south of England, propose to rely heavily on outside production for entertainment and drama while concentrating their in-house output on news and current affairs.

These "publisher-contractor" companies operate by commissioning programmes from other producers, in the manner pioneered by Channel 4. This should expand finance available to the independent production sector, the most creative area in British television. Carlton has been an independent producer, involved in such well-acclaimed programmes as Inspector Morse. In a reversal of roles, Carlton could make room for Thames to become an independent programme-maker itself. Thames is potentially the largest independent in Europe.

So much, so good. But auctioning terrestrial commercial television was always intended to benefit the Treasury not the television viewer. The result must be fewer resources available for programme-making and thus for competing with the cheap products on offer from the American television industry.

Certainly the ITC has encouraged a trend away from the corporate uniformity of television in the 1970s and 1980s, towards a richer mixture of franchise-holders and independents. With luck it has also paved the way for a greater diversity of nonterrestrial programmes on the nation's screens. But as this year's equally chaotic award of commercial radio franchises showed. Britain is no nearer a coherent broadcasting policy. With the BBC's franchise next in line for renewal, that lacuna must soon be filled.

EUROPEAN POLITICAL ARMY

In the public relations battle over European defence, the French appear to have won the latest bout. Two days after a deceptively emollient visit to Londoo by Roland Dumas and Pierre Joxe, the French foreign and defence ministers. France and Germany have published a plan for a joint 50,000-man force which they hope will become an embryonic European army of up 100,000.

the treaty on political union. They are intended to turn the Western European Union into the European Community's defeoce arm. They have caused as much surprise and pique in London as the recent Anglo-Italian plan, linking the WEU firmly to Nato, caused in Paris. Washington has carefully played the proposal down as one among many in the run-up to Maastricht. but the Pentagon's distaste for any "European pillar" of defence which seemed to count America out is no secret.

The plan is something of a coup for France, coming after many setbacks to its efforts to construct a European defence entity independent of Nato. The Dutch, now holding the presidency, have been fiercely opposed to the idea and the Italians have defected to the British camp. The Germans, anxious to do nothing to prompt a strategic American withdrawal from Europe but also out to reassure France that the Franco-German "couple" was still firmly wedded, were clearly playing on both sides of the net.

President Mitterrand badly needed to regain the initiative. France has been playing its cards clumsily of late. It is in unaccustomed conflict with the European Commissioo over mergers, industrial policy and Japanese cars. M Mitterrand's attempt to upstage the Dutch presidency by inviting EC members to Paris last week to discuss defence backfired. Quarrels with Bonn over Yugoslavia have compounded French susnicions that a united Germany is no longer a reliably pliant partner.

At home M Mitterrand is increasingly portrayed as a tired leader, preferring the political landscape of the Cold War to the new realities. But he is not the only one who has been beached by the end of the Cold War. The Gaullist legacy is an anachronism which nobody yet dares quite to disclaim but which inhibits public discussion of conscription, France's role in Nato and the embarrassing military lessons France learned from the Gulf war. Such questions have become mixed with the larger end-ofera dissatisfaction with the government.

Herr Kohl's signature on France's defence proposals is thus symbolically important. German motives are clear. Bonn believes that bowing to the French is the best way of coaxing them back fully into Nato. Germany also may hope to obtain a stronger French commitment to political union, including a common foreign policy and more powers for the European parliament.

Whatever its reservations about monetary union, which are growing, the German government continues to believe passionately in a federal Europe. But it is keeping all options open. Is Germany really willing for decisions on Yugoslavia to be taken by majority vote? Will Bonn risk alienating America on Nato?

The WEU is emerging as the crucial institution in the rival defence plans, with a tug-of-war between Britain and France on how far it can be pulled away from Nato and into a new Community defence structure. Despite the latest Franco-German proposals, the Anglo-Italian plan still seems to command greater EC support. But the latest Franco-German army manoeuvre is a sobering reminder that Britain cannot count on enlisting either against the other on the home stretch to Maastricht.

DEGENERATE ART

Two still-life pastels by a mioor Austrian artist of the early 20th century named Adolf Hitler, paioted at the ages of 12 and 22, were sold at auction in Yorkshire yesterday for £1,600 and £1,500 respectively. Such a sale is remote from art: the price was determined by the market in nazi memorabilia. All the same, the thought that Hitler's work should be evaluated not on moral but on purely aesthetic grounds is subversive of several cherished assumptions about the relationship between art and morality. Integrity may be wedded to art, but talent is promiscuous.

The very ordinariness of Hitler's daubs is disconcerting: surely the author of National Socialism must have painted in a nazi style? Yet they are merely mediocre examples of a genre common at the time. Goebbels, his most faithful lieutenant, wrote an autohiographical novel, Michael, which ranks among the lesser examples of expressionist literature in the early 1920s. Only a handful of genuine artists held nazi views. The poet Gottfried Benn, the painter Emil Nolde, the conductor Herbert voo Karajan all compromised their independence, yet their work during the Third Reich is rightly remembered as among their best.

The modern artform par excellence, the cinema, can be no less sinister in its disjunction between grandeur of style and servility of content. Leni Riefenstahl's films for the nazis still confer undeserved glamour upoo the detestable; Eisenstein's epics impress despite their ideological ballast.

Architecture, from the Pyramid of Cheops to the Prince of Wales's projected Pound-

bury townscape at Dorchester, has always had an eminently political function; and yet the integrity of the architect is remarkably difficult for the dictator to subvert. Even if the prince's architectural adviser, Leon Krier, is an authority on Albert Speer's architecture, the influence of Hitler's favourite architect does not taint this anglicised idyll of neoclassicism.

Music, the most abstract of the arts, is often posthumously arraigned before the court of conscience. Did not the cock crow for composers such as Richard Strauss or Hans Pfitzner when they acquiesced in the nazi ban on Jewish composers such as Mahler or Mendelssohn? Was oot Shostakovich compromised by his public selfinculpatioo at Stalin's behest, despite his private views? Indeed; but these are all supreme masters, whom to censure would be a greater mistake than their own cowardice.

From Nietzsche's dictum that the world could only be justified as an aesthetic phenomenon, to Wittgenstein's revision of ethics as a branch of aesthetics, the view of art as value-free and morally neutral has gained ground this century. But it would be nice to think that artists of the next century will feel compelled neither to make excuses for the world, nor to exclude from considcration the values which make it bearable. At its best, art can seem to be the saving grace bequeathed by an invisible deity to the human race after it had made a muddle of more direct paths to salvation. At its worst, art is . . . a still-life by Adolf Hitler.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Tunnel firms and 'oath of silence'

From the Chief Executive of Eurotunnel

Sir, In your Business pages, Com-ment (October 16) urged Eurotunnel to "revoke" an "oath of silence" about the Channel tunnel project to which, it said, the member comof Transmanche Link (TML), our contractor, are sworn. The facts are as follows:

1. The member companies in TML proposed a confidentiality clause as part of their submission to the British and French governments in 1985. Those TML members then drafted it into their construction contract for Eurotunnel in 1986. It was not imposed on them and it resembles standard clauses in the construction industry.

2. The key clause signed by TML in 1986 after the above process has been 9 (3): "The Contractor ("TML") shall not, without the prior written approval of the Employer (Eurotunnel") ... impart to any publication, journal, or newspaper or any radio or television programme, any information relating to the Works."

3. It has been recognised, explicitly, between Eurotunnel and TML that quoted companies must honour their duty to give adequate and accurate information in statements to the Stock Exchange and to their shareholders in order to assure fair trading in their shares. Eurotunnel is a quoted group, so are all the British and French member companies of TML, but not TML. At no time has Eurotunnel ever intervened to provent the member companies of TML reporting accurately and fully.

Your Comment column confirmed we have met our respon-

Sir. As more information comes to

members in Croatia it does seem to

us that some Serbians are trying not

just to annex large parts of Croatia

or even stop at preventing Croatian

independence but rather to destroy

the Croatian heritage both cultural

Our concern is, of course, for the

people of Yugoslavia but also with

an important part of the European

world should be asked to accept the

destruction of such beautiful Vene-

tian towns as Dubrovnik, Hvar and

Korcula, the timber houses of

Pannonia or the fragile natural

beauty of the Plitvice lakes. This

European cultural issue. Dubrovník

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JOHN SELL (Chairman).

Working Group of the

European Council for the

Village and Small Town) 17 Daleham Mews, NW3.

Rolls-Royce rejection

Sir, You reported on October 10

refusal to buy Rolls-Royce Trent

ANA's senior vice-president said

they would not be using Rolls-

Royce". BA's comment simply re-

ferred to "the best interests of BA

In 1964 a merchant banker suc-

ceeded the late Sir Matthew Slattery

as chairman of British Overseas

Airways Corporation, which had

placed large orders with British

cancelled these orders and ordered

instead Boeing 707 aircraft, on the

grounds that this was best for

BOAC. This decision, incidentally

taken on false premises, did im-

mense damage to the British civil.

aircraft industry from which it has

never recovered.

bad business?

Yours faithfully,

CALDECOTE,

House of Lords.

the England XV,

Yours farthfully,

J. G. ACKERLEY.

Rugby rainbow

From Mr J. G. Ackerley

Sir, Although I am not a rugby

enthusiast I can well understand the

anger felt by Christian, Lady Hesketh (letter, October 12) con-

cerning the garish change of strip of

Many of us soccer devotees still

lament the day when the late Don

Revie somehow persuaded other

"tasteless valgarians" to dispense

with the classic white and black

colours which had graced the Eng-

land XI for generations.

4 Haygate Drive, Wellington, Telford, Shropshire.

October 11.

From Lord Caldecote, FEng

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JANE WADE (Rapporteur),

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Yours etc.

October 15.

sibility to shareholders with our From Dr Paul M. Hayes half-year report. I confirm again that the member companies of TML are free to meet the same responsibility subject to accuracy. That has been understood, explicitly, between Eurotunnel and those companies all

along.
Two further points of informa-

shareholders are considered and approved by its Angln-French board of directors. 2. With regard to claims, little has changed since the details set out in our prospectus in November 1990.

Recent developments were spelled out in our annual report in April and our half-year statement last week. Other material developments are being reported appropriately.

It is clear to me that journalists

following this project find that TML spokespersons and "sources close to TML" are very free with adverse comments about Eurotunnel to the media. It seems the alleged "gag" is only pleaded when the question asked is inconvenient to TML or its member companies. As for comments attributed to

TML itself over the past few days, if

necessary legal judgment can be given later, to us or our shareholders, whether they are in breach of contract or intended to injure the value of our shareholders' interest in this enterprise. Yours faithfully, ALASTAIR MORTON,

Chief Executive, Eurotuppel, Victoria Plaza, 111 Buckingham Palace Road, SW1. October 16.

Peace prize sign Croatian heritage From Mr Bernard Vyvyan From Mr John Sell and

Sir, The award of the Nobel peace prize to Daw Suu Kyi is a long overdue sign of the impatience of us from our rural architecture the free world with the successive

oppressive regimes in Burma.

Ynur leader (October 15) conpresent dictatorship has been able to ignore the irrefutable wishes of the Burmese people. In view of the previous British interests in Burma we have a special responsibility for leading the campaign in the United Nations to prevent the support of arms suppliers and traffickers in teak and other goods from propping up the military government.

The recent emerging strength of the United Nations will be much enhanced if it can put an end to this corrupt regime and allow the Burmese people to live free lives in their well-endowed country.

Heritage sites designated by Unesco. 1 am, Sir, yours faithfully, We call upon people concerned at BERNARD VYVYAN, the destruction of this European 37 West Hill Avenue, Epsom, Surrey. Milosevic, the Serbian president, expressing their dismay at Serbia's irresponsibility.

Brighton to Blackpool From Professor Brian Thomas

Sir, Lord Home of The Hirsel (October 9) is mistaken. It is applied state capitalism rather than "applied socialism" which "has brought an unacceptably low standard of living" to the peoples of Eastern Europe. Socialism, which according to my dictionary is supposed to place the means of production and distribution in the hands of the community, has never been attempted there. What Lord Home has done is to follow Lenin in using "socialism" as a synonym for "the (Business) the damage done to Rolls-Royce by British Airways' dictatorship of the proletariat" led by the Communist party.

But it may be that Lord Home's engines for its Boeing 777 fleet, which was largely to blame for All Nippon_Airways' decision not to warning is no longer necessary; for the Conservative party has just spent some time in Blackpool denouncing the Labour party for abandoning the principles which Lord it was a shock to us when BA said Home erroneously associates with the former regimes of Eastern Europe. Yours faithfully, BRIAN THOMAS,

Regent's College, Inner Circle, Regent's Park, NW1.

Fishy business?

From Mr A. C. Murphy Aircraft Corporation for VC10s and Sir, The contents of a recently super-VC10s. The new chairman purchased tin of smoked brisling, produced in Scotland, is listed as "Brisling, vegetable oil, salt, liquid smoke." Can the latter be a product of Scotch mist and peat fires? Yours faithfully,

A. C. MURPHY 74 Beacon Way. Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire.

Will we never learn that in the long run what is bad for Britain is **Explosives safeguards**

Merseyside Police

Sir, Bernard Levin's article, "Break, enter and be damoed" (October 7), is a wholly unwarranted attack upon the integrity and professionalism of the police service and does little credit to your newspaper.

An unreal picture of life at Oxford

Sir. The intemperate and highly personalised article by Peter Roehnck, "Feeble Keble disgraced hy Weston snuh" (October 12), will dn nothing to assist the prospects of exams with distinction, but, from games players who would like to my own experience, I would have come in Oxford. Those here who are hostile to games will have had their worst suspicions confirmed; those 1. As always, Eurotunnel's reports to who are friendly will not be encouraged.

The picture painted both of the university and Keble College is unreal. Mr Roebuck has chosen a number of isolated incidents and drawn general conclusions from particular events. It is rather like arguing that because on occasions he failed, Bradman was not a great player. As Mr Rochuck has apparently made no effort to talk to me, or to anyone else at Keble, it is hard to know upon what evidence he bases his assertions about my values, interests or outlook on life.

At Kehle, during the 26 years 1 have been a tutor, many sportsmen, and, more recently, sportswomen, have been pupils of mine, I have had much experience of what needs to be done in order to combine sporting achievement with the fulfilment of academic potential. The case of Philip Weston was judged accord-ingly; I did not think that, given all his other commitments during both term and vacation, it would have been possible for him to combine a cricket tour of Pakistan with the academic work required of him. This decision was not taken lightly, and was done with regret. As a matter of fact, contrary to Mr Rocbuck's assertion, I did not refuse Mr Weston a place for 1992 - 1 said I could not reserve one for him.

Mr Roebuck clearly knows next to nothing about Keble, which has had an excellent sporting record for many years. Among my own pupils who finished in 1991 may be numbered David Pfaff (hockey and cricket blues, and the only distinction in the diploma in social studies), Robert MacDonald (squash cisely sets out the reasons why the and cricket bines and the master of studies in history) and David Norwood (chess grand master and a 2.1 in modern history). They are the most recent of a long line and they are being followed by others.

Frankly, it is their respect which I would wish to have - not that of Mr Roebuck, who even supposes that the author of the phrase "in the loog run we are all dead" was an Oxford man. Like Mr Roebuck, J. M. Keynes was from Cambridge. Yours faithfully.

AUL M. HAYES Kehle College, Oxford.

From Mr G. B. T. Lovell Sir, The case involving Keble College and Philip Weston has been most unfortunate. It has given Oxford University and its sport (particularly cricket) some very poor publicity when, truthfully, real progress has been made to redress a declining situation.

Let us remember firstly that Keble and its senior tutor did accept Weston. Whether other Oxford colleges would have done so is un-known, but, in the past, candidates of his dual proven abilities have been rejected. This is significant. The prime example is the incumbent Cambridge cricket captain, John Crawley (also a former Eng-land under-19 captain), who was re-

jected by an Oxford college last year. Let us remember, too, the importance of maintaining academic standards. Had Weston come up to Oxford, he might have passed his found a full Oxford cricket season as well as a six-week tour to Pakistan extremely difficult to cope with academically. This appears to have been the case with a Cambridge blue from last year who went on the England under-19 tnur tn New Zealand. He has since left that univer-

cape with the backlog of work. Weston's decision was not an easy one, hut, as was made clear, his cricket career would not have been hampered had he refused to go no tour. Oxford and Cambridge universities are the best cricket nurseries in the world for those who want to obtain a first-class education as well, and the opportunity was (and still is) there for Weston.

sity because, it seems, he could not

Rocbuck is wrong to assert that, had he been a musician or ballet dancer, the situation would have been different. Had he been either of thuse, his best opportunities would have been provided by the royal academies. In the case of cricket, Oxford and Cambridge are unique in their positions to compete at the top domestic level. The status of Oxford, as a "seat of cricket learn-

ing", should not be downgraded.
There are now established links with schools, and more colleges are accepting the ideal of the games-

playing scholar. I consider it one of the highest privileges to have been accepted into Oxford. If only Weston could see it in a similar light, then perhaps we could see him playing in Oxford colours in the near future.

Yours etc., G. B. T. LOVELL (Captain, Oxford University Cricket Club, 1992), Exeter College, Oxford.

From Mr F. H. Pedley Sir, Peter Roehuck should know better than to write in such splenetic terms about Keble's insistence on academic study taking priority over sport. Seventeen days out of a term is more than a quarter of the time available. Dr Hayes (quoted in the article) is quite right: universities do not exist to promote sporting activities, however fanatical some may have become about them. Thank goodness someone is sane enough to insist on the standards which are so necessary in this country. If Cambridge colleges wish to abandon academic standards, they will live to

Yours faithfully, F, H. PEDLEY Hill Top, Oldfield, Keighley.

regret it in years to come.

West Yorkshire. From Mr Barry J. Canter Sir, Not the least depressing aspect of Kehle's inflexibility towards Philip Weston is that Oxford University appears to have no such scruples about recruiting overseas sportsmen of mature years and proven international calibre for their rugby and rowing teams, to the disadvantage of younger and British undergraduates.

Yours faithfully, BARRY CARTER (Senior lecturer in history, Oxford Polytechnic), 10 Bankside, Headington Quarry,

Pricing rail travel From Mr Gareth Howell

Sir, I am intrigued by the new way of pricing rail travel in this country. Traditionally, ticket prices have been calculated on a cost per mile basis: however, we seem to be entering an era where an additional factor, "quality of service", is also to be used in the calculation.

Presumably, the "premium" lines have been assessed (by whom?) as being capable of delivering a higher service level and can therefore bear a higher tariff. Is the public to be made aware of this enhanced service level? And can we expect fares to fall on these "premium" lines if the operator fails to achieve these higher service levels? Or is this just another clever marketing trick to justify extracting more money out of a captive audience? Yours faithfully,

GARETH HOWELL 29 Blackmore, Letchworth, Hertfordshire. October 15.

certified.

From the Chief Constable.

The Control of Explosives Regulations 1991 come ioto effect on November 1. Their main provisions are to replace the present six types of explosive certificates with one (thereby considerably reducing the administrative hurcaucracy), and to designate the chief officer of police as the enforcement authority for explosive storage and recordkeeping for all stores except factories and magazines.

In the latter regard the chief officer will be making adequate arrangements for the enforcement of the regulations and will be respon-sible for the appointment of certain police officers as inspectors under the Health and Safety at Work Act. Sports letters, page 36 Such appointments will be strictly PO Box 59. Liverpool, Merseyside.

limited in number and properly

powers does not imply a vigorous enforcement and most certainly not

Association of Chief Police Officers),

The existence of wide-ranging

in the manner described in the article. All actions by inspectors will be strictly supervised in accordance with a very detailed code drawn up by the Health and Safety Executive. To suggest that such officers will abuse powers in the manner portrayed is completely without foundation.

As chief constable I have a vicarious liability for the actions of all officers under my command and have, during the course of widespread discussions with all interested parties including representatives of the shooting organisations, given due assurances that any actions emanating from the enforcement of the regulations will be carried out in a proper, regulated and considerate manner. Yours sincerely, JIM SHARPLES (Chairman,

From Mr A. L. Richards

University trading

Sir. I am surprised by your report (October 10) that the Inland Revenue intends to impose retrospective taxation on the husiness activities of universities and polytechnics.

Many of our charity clients are engaged in trading, which is not a charitable activity. They do not pay corporation tax, however, because their commercial operations are conducted by a separate trading company that covenants any profits to the charity.

This system is legal, simple and tax-efficient, and in our experience the Inland Revenuc is always helpful. To cite a specific example, in 1979 we assisted the University of Keele in the setting up of its trading company to exploit commercially such assets as its main-frame computer, expert consultancies and

lettings.
Universities and polytechnics should be on maximum alert: if the Inland Revenue is now on the scene, HM Customs and Excise will soon inin them with demands for VAT. an infinitely more complex subject. Yours faithfully, TONY RICHARDS

(Managing Director). Greathill Limited

(Charity management services), 53 Hestercombe Avenue, SW6.

Rural mayhem

From Mrs C. A. Baudrand Sir, The following advertisement

has appeared in your property section for the last week: "A Manor house with 5 recs, 10 beds . . . dovecote, dead gardener . . . ?

Should one therefore presume that no (under)takers have been forthcoming? Yours faithfully, C. A. BAUDRAND. D. J. Knight & Company,

10 Greville Place, NW6.

October 14. Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -

(071 782 5046).

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 16: His Excellency Mr Joseph Small was received in audience by The Duke of York and The Prince Edward, Counsellors of State acting nn behalf of The Queen, and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters nf Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Pleni-potentiary from the Republic of

His Excellency was accompa-nied by the following members of the Embassy: Miss Paula of the Embassy, Muss Faula Slattery (Cnunsellnr), Mr Joseph Hayes (Counsellnr), Mr Vincent Keane (Counsellor, Agriculture), Mr Michael Fahy (Counsellnr, Economie and Commercial), Mr Sean Farrell (First Secretary), Mr Paul Murray (First Secretary), Mr Brendan McMahnn (First Sec-retary) and Mrs Melanie Pine (First Secretary, Labour). Their Rnyal Highnesses also

received Mrs Small. Mr Nigel Broomfield (Deputy Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Hnusehold in Waiting were in

The Duke of Ynrk and The Prince Edward, Cnunsellors of State acting on behalf of The Queen, held a Council at 12.40 pm.

There were present: The Right Hnn John MacGregor, MP (Lord President), the Right Hon Peter Lilley, MP (Secretary of State for Trade and Industry), the Right Hnn Malenim Rifkind, MP (Secretary of State for Transport) and the Right Hnn Angela Rumbold, MP (Minister of State, Hnme

Office). The Right Hnn John MacGregor, MP had an audi-cnce of Their Royal Highnesses

befire the Council.

Mr Geoffrey de Deney was in attendance as Clerk nf the

By command of The Queen, Lieutenant General Sir Jnhn Richards (Marshal of the Diplomatie Corps) called upon His Excellency Mr Leonid Zamyatin at 13 Kensington Palace Gardens, W8 this morning in arder to hid farewell to His Excellency upon relinquishing his appointment as Ambassadnr Extraordinary and President of the Royal United Plenipotentiary from the Union Services Institute for Defence of Soviet Socialist Republics to Studies, this afternoon pre-

Advisors at the Charing Cross and Westminster Medical Schools. Marrowine Park Schools, Margravine Road, THATCHED HOUSE LODGE London, W6 8RP. October 16: Princess Alexandra

presentation and dinner in Hospital for the Clergy, support of the Award in St Her Royal Highness was James's Palace.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean
O'Dwyer was in attendance.
The Princess Royal, President, Riding for the Disabled
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Association, today attended the Association's 66th Meeting of the Cnuncil at Saddlers Hall, Gutter Lane, Cheapside,

Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, held a Save the Children Fund Industry and Commerce Group Meeting and Reception for Save the Children Fund Corporate Members at Buckingham

This evening The Princess Rnyal attended the Horse of the Year Ball at the London Hilton, Park Lane.
Mrs Richard Carew Pole was

KENSINGTON PALACE October 16: The Princess of Wales attended a gala dinner at Cliveden, near Maidenhead, to

mark the 150th anniversary of the Thnmas Cook Group.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith
and Mr Patrick Jephson were in

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 16: The Princess
Margaret, Countess of Snowdnn, Colonel-in-Chief, Queen
Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps, was present this
evening at a Receptinn given by
the Corps at the Royal Hospital,
Chelsea.

Mrs Charles Vyvyan and Major The Lord Napier and Ettrick were in attendance. KENSINGTON PALACE

October 16: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, this afternoon attended a Service to mark the 70th Anniversary of the Liverpool Branch of the Royal British Legion in Liverpool Cathedral,
Her Royal Highness was
received by Her Majesty's LordLieutenant for Merseyside (Mr

Henry Cotton).

Dame Jean Maxwell-Scott

was in attendance. The Duchess of Gloucester this evening attended a Fashinn Show in aid of The Rnyal Marsden Hospital Leukaemia Unit at the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Cluh, Wimhlednn, London, SW19, Mrs Michael Wigley was in

YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE October 16: The Duke of Kent, the Court of St James's.

The Duchess of York, Patron of the Motor Neuronc Disease
Association, this afternoon at-

ondon, W6 8RP. October 16: Princess Alexandra
Mrs Harry Cotterell was in this afternoon attended 2 tendance. Thanksgiving Service in St The Prince Edward, Trustee Paul's Cathedral, followed by a of The Duke of Edinhurgh's Receptinn at Guildball, to mark Award, this evening attended a the Centenary of St Luke's

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.A.I. Atkinson and Miss C.E. Burrows The engagement is announced between David, son nf Mr and Mrs A.C. Atkinson, of Coach Hnuse, Great Hnrkesley, Cnichester, and Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.D. Burrows, of Cnpyhnld, Bury, Sussex.

Mr J.R. Brewster and Miss A.F. Vernon The engagement is annunced between James Radelyffe, eldest son of Mr J.W. Brewster, OBE, nf Reignte, Surrey, and Mrs Charles Cullum, nf

Twickenham, Middlesex, and Amanda Frances, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Roderick Vernnn, of Hnrsell,

Mr A.M. Brough and Miss F.R. Hay The engagement is annnunced between Alasdair, son of Mr and perween Alasdair, son if Mr and Mrs A. Brough, if 61 Lightridge Road, Fixhy, Huddersfield, and Fiona, daughter if Mr and Mrs R.L. Hay, if Hillfield House, Scragged Oak Road, Detling, Maidstone.

Mr A.R. Cappelletti and Miss A.S. Boucher The engagement is announced between Albertn Raffaele, elder son of Dr Luciano Cappelletti, and the late Signora Cappelletti, and Rume, and Alice Sophia, elder daughter of Colonel and Mrs William Boucher, of Lee

Mr J.J. Chaffer and Miss B.M. Peel

The engagement is announced between Jason, son of Mr and Mrs Jnhn Chaffer, of Whitchurch Hill, Berkshire, and Belinda, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Juhn Peel, of Fairford, Stalbridge, Dorset. Gloucestershire.

Mr and Mrs E.O'G. Kirwan, of Radlett, Herthredshire, and Catherine, youngest daughter of Mr H.C. Sims and of the late Mrs L.G. Sims, of Clitheroe,

St Luke's Hospital for the Clergy

Princess Alexandra attended a service of thanksgiving held yesterday in St Paul's Cathedral in mark the centenary of St Luke's Hospital for the Clergy-The Archbishop of Canterbury, president, preached the sermin and the Dean of St Paul's read

the bidding.
General Sir Patrick Howard-

The engagement is announced between Willem, son of Baron and Baroness van Heeckeren van Keil-van Tets, nf Ruurlo, The Netherlands, and Pnlly, daughter nf the late Charles Stainshy, nf Chadlington, Oxfordshire, and nf Lady Wilson, nf Oxford.

W.A.C. Baron van Heeckeren

and Miss P.J. Stainsby

Mr J-C.G.B.F. Latteur and Miss M.A.B. Ringland The engagement is announced between Jean-Christophe, son of Professor and Mme B. Latteur, nf Louvain, Belgium, and Melanie, elder daughter nf the late T.P. Ringland and nf Mrs

C.H.V. Denne and stepdaughter nf Mr C.H.V. Denne, nf Dr P.J. Lodge and Miss R.T. Combe

and Miss R.1. Combe
'The engagement is annunced
between Philip, nnly son nf Mr
and Mrs Stephen Lodge, and
Rachel, youngest daughter nf
Mr and Mrs Timothy Combe,
both of East Mnlesey, Surrey.

Mr A.I. Macpherson and Miss V.E.S. Thring The engagement is announced between Alexander, elder son of Mr and Mrs A.G. Macpherson, of Arineckaig, Wester Ross, and Victoria, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.G.W. Thring, of Dormansland, Surrey.

Mr N.A. Waite and Miss J.E. Colville The engagement is announced between Nicholas Alexander, elder son of Mr and Mrs Michael Waite, of East Coker, Somerset, and Joanna

Mr L.A. Wall The engagement is announced hetween Liam Anthony, between Robert, eldest son of Mr and Mrs FOX Figure 1988 F.M.D. Brown The engagement is announced hetween Liam Anthony, younger son of the late Mr. and Mrs FOX Figure 1988 F.M.D. Brown The engagement is announced hetween Liam Anthony, younger son of the late Mr. and Mrs FOX Figure 1988 F.M.D. Brown The engagement is announced hetween Liam Anthony, younger son of the late Mr. and Mrs FOX Figure 1988 F.M.D. Brown The engagement is announced hetween Liam Anthony, younger son of the late Mr. and Mrs FOX Figure 1988 F.M.D. Brown The engagement is announced hetween Liam Anthony, younger son of the late Mr. and Mrs FOX Figure 1988 F.M.D. Brown The engagement is announced hetween Liam Anthony, younger son of the late Mr. and Mrs FOX Figure 1988 F.M.D. Brown The engagement is announced hetween Liam Anthony, younger son of the late Mr. and Mrs FOX Figure 1988 F.M.D. Brown The engagement is announced hetween Liam Anthony, younger son of the late Mr. and Mrs FOX Figure 1988 F.M.D. Brown The engagement is announced hetween Liam Anthony, younger son of the late Mr. and Mrs FOX Figure 1988 F.M.D. Brown The engagement is announced hetween Liam Anthony, younger son of the late Mr. and Mrs FOX Figure 1988 F.M.D. Brown The engagement is announced hetween Liam Anthony younger son of the late Mr. and Mrs FOX Figure 1988 F.M.D. Brown The engagement is announced hetween Liam Anthony younger son of the late Mr. and Mrs FOX Figure 1988 F.M.D. Brown The engagement is announced hetween Liam Anthony younger son of the late Mr. and Mrs FOX F.M.D. Brown The engagement is announced hetween Liam Anthony younger son of the late Mr. and Mrs FOX F.M.D. Brown The engagement is announced hetween Liam Anthony younger son of the late Mr. and Mrs FOX F.M.D. Brown The engagement is announced hetween Liam Anthony younger son of the late Mr. and Mrs FOX F.M.D. Brown The engagement is announced hetween Liam Anthony younger son of the late Mr. and Miss P.M.D. Brown Mary Dashwood (Penny), daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugh D. Brown, of Glasgow, formerly, of Wadhurst, East

> MP, chairman, presided and Lord Culnbrook also spoke. Dobson, chairman of council, and Mr James P.S. Thumson, and Mr James P.S. Thumson, chairman of the medical staff committee, read the lessons. Miss Anne Mace, hospital director, Canon Peter Nicholson, general secretary, and the Rev Trevor Morley, chaptain, read prayers. The Bishop of Londan pronounced the blessing. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, were present. Parish Clerks' Company Prebendary A.R. Royall, Master of the Parish Clerks' Company presided at a court dinner held last night at Innholders' Hall after evensong at St Michael Pateranster Royal. The Rev Derek Pattinson and Sir George Moseley also spoke. The Master of the Innholders' Company and the Rev Juhn Paul were among

OBITUARIES

Lord Molson, PC, former Conservative MP and Minister of Works, died on October 13 aged 88. He was born on June 23, 1903.

AN OUTSPOKEN attack on Neville Chamberlain's deal with Hitler at Munich nearly upset Hugh Molson's political fitture. While still the prospective Conservative candidate for The High Peak Molson called the Munich settlement "a great and irreparable disaster". An attempt was made to unhorse him but, summoning a meeting of his local association, he was given an overwhelming endorsement of his independence. He was returned in a by-election when he was serving in the army and entered the House of Commons in time to help oust the the Chamberlain government in the crucial division of May 1940. He was one of the 41 Conservatives who voted against the government, and thus with the 60 other Conservatives who abstained brought about Chamberlain's resignation and the succession of Churchill and the National government. Molson helped shape ideas which influenced the Conservative party in

post-war Britain. After becoming Conservative MP for Doncaster in 1931, he was one of a group of Conservative planners associated with Harold Macmillan. Macmillan states in his autohiography that Molson was, with Geoffrey Crowther and Arthur Salter, a principal draftsman of The Next Five Years, a manifesto issued in 1937 signed by 51 MPs and public personalities in all parties and none. It was an influential effort to achieve inter-party consensus and was probahly the basis of Macmillan's The Middle Way published shortly after.
As one of the founders of the Tory Reform Group and for a time chairman he helped to rejuvenate the Conservative party at the end of the war in readiness for government



In youth Hugh Moison assumed what was then an engaging pretence of pomposity. In maturity this was not easily shaken off, and perhaps only his intimates realised the worth and ability which the mannerism concealed. He was known by a succession of nick-names - at Lancing "Preters" because in his first term he said he was "preternaturally" interested in politics; then, because he liked hot lunches at Oxford, was called "Hot Lunch Molson"; and sometimes in the

Commons was known as "Mumpy".

But he was far-sighted, stood by what he believed in and was a "green" long before the term was

LORD MOLSON

Arthur Hugh Elsdale Molson was the youngest son of Major J. E. Molson, sometime Conservative Member of Parliament for Gainsborough. One of his brothers was killed in the first world war, and another on the Rawalpindi in 1939, when the armed merchant cruiser was hlown out of the water by the German battlecruiser Scharnhorst. Hugh Molson was educated at St

Ronans, at Osborne and Dartmouth and - the war being over - at Lancing where he went when he was 16. He was mentioned anonymously (though not unkindly) in Evelyn Waugh's autobiography. He went up to Oxford where he was at New College and where he was elected president of the Union. He took a first in jurisprudence and (always a stickler for what was correct) he insisted on being supported by friends at his "viva" to show that the examination was rightly called

He was called to the bar in 1931 but from Oxford days he devoted himself to politics and by his mastery of official publications and political commentaries he became an exceptionally well-informed member of his party. After a tilt at the Labour party in Merthyr Tydfil he was elected for Doncaster in 1931. He was defeated in 1935, and was then adopted for The High

He held the seat from 1939 to 1961 and was the only Conservative returned in Derbyshire in 1945. Molson was given a junior undersecretaryship in the Conservative government after the war. In 1951 he was made parliamentary sec-retary to the Minister of Works, then moved to the Ministry of Transport, and in 1956 he was appointed Minister of Works by Mr Macmillan. For this office he was well fitted. As far back as the early 1930s he had given the minister respon-sible - Walter Elliot - an uncomfortable time in the House of Commons over the threatened spoliation of Carlton House Terrace, and he was one of the members of parliament active in trying to prevent the destruction of the Italian heritage through allied

He always considered that his main achievement at the ministry was to open up Abingdon Street Gardens opposite the Palace of

bomhing.

Westminster. When the Treasury tried to overrule him and replace the bomb-damaged houses with new buildings, he took the then Chancellor of the Exchequer to the top of the Jewel Tower, newly renovated. to envisage the amenity value of an open space with its views of Westminster Abbey and the Palace of Westminster. The Chancellor

thereupon overruled the Treasury. Abingdon Street Gardens are now regularly used for television interviews with the palace in the background. His time at the ministry was brought to an untimely end by a

serious motor accident, but he was president of the Town and Country Planning Association (1963-70), chairman of the Council for the Protection of Rural England (1968-71) and subsequently president (1971-80). As treasurer of the Commons Preservation Society, he combined interest in amenity with concern for ancient rights. Molson was made a privy councillor in 1956 and a life baron in 1961. He was a regular contributor to House of Lords debates. In 1960 Molson was a member of the Monckton Commission on Rhodesia.

Charles James Fox once said of a colleague - though not critically that he lacked popular manners. Hugh Molson could be said to have the same characteristic and in an age when popular manners in politics count for more than they did and perhaps for more than they should, the point has some significance. On the other hand Molson brought to public life an absolute integrity of mind, almost puritanical in its severity and strengthened by fearlessness. These gifts may not have brought him their due reward m the worldly sense, hut they were recognised as virtues of a high order in the traditions of English political

His wife, Nancy, whom he married in 1949, predeceased him.

DOREEN ASHBURNHAM-RUFFNER, GC

Ruffner, GC, died in California on October 4 aged 86. She was born at Ashburnham Hall, Sussex, on May 13, 1905.

HEROINE, pilot, deh, horse-hreeder and lover of fast cars, Doreen Ashburnham-Ruffner was one of those indomitable women whose exploits have the flavour of a former age. Even so, the manner in which stirring annals of that decoration.

Doreen Ashhumham was taken to Canada from England hy her parents as a child because, incredible as it now seems, she was considered to be too delicate for the climate of southern England. Little could they, or she, have foreseen what perils lay in wait in their new paradise home on Vancouver Island. The family settled at Cowiehan Lake, near to where relatives from Britain also lived.

On the morning of September 23, 1916, Dorcen, then aged 11, and her young cousin,

mons by courtesy of Mr Peter

Temple-Morris, MP. Sir Antony Buck, QC, MP, vice-chairman, presided and Viscount Mont-gomery of Alamein, joint-chair-man, and Baroness Seear also

spoke. The Ambassador was the

guest of hunour at a dinner held

afterwards at the St Ermin's Hotel Sir Frank Roberts, vice-

Sir Peter Imbert, Commissioner

of the Metropolitan Police, was

president, was in the chair.

United and Cecil Club

Mrs Doreen Ashburnham- home, inlending to catch and saddle two ponies and go for a ride. Quite suddenly they were aware of a large cougar crouching beside the path on which they were walking and before they could take to their heels the beast leaped on to Doreen's back. When Anthony attempted to save her hy slashing at the animal with the hridle he was carrying, the cougar immediately transshe won her Albert Medal ferred its attentions to the boy, (subsequently translated to seizing him in its jaws. Donow recovered from ne off an attack by a savage first fright, leaped on the Canadian cougar with her bare cougar battering it round the hands while still a young girl - head with her little fists. It had is extraordinary even in the by then secured a firm grip of the boy, but she actually thrust her arm into its mouth and at length succeeded in making it release him.

There was now an astonishing confrontation, a slip of a girl literally fighting with her bare hands an enraged six-foot mountain lion which, when it stood on its hind legs, towered over her. How this unequal contest might have ended is difficult to say; luckily the animal suddenly took fright because of some sound external to the struggle and slunk away under a log. The children Anthony particularly badly injured — staggered home and



Anthony Farrer and Doreen Ashburnham with their medals

were presented with Albert recipient. Tragically, after of bravery received a further Anthony Farrer, 8, were walk-raised the alarm, and the Devonshire as the sovereign's of ill-health he was eventually when the Courage brewery cars, examples of which ing in the woods near their cougar was subsequently shot representative. At 11 Doreen killed in 1930 at the age of 31 commissioned a fresh sign for drove until quite recently.

Marriages

Mr P.O.C. Romilly and Miss L.F. McGlynn

and Miss L.F. McGiyum
The marriage took place nn
Saturday, October 12, in St
Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny. Co Donegal, of Mr Peter
Romilly, younger son nf Mr
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dead. Anthony Farrer spent a Ashhurnham was the youn-

long time in hospital as a gest female to win the medal, result of his injuries but both her cousin the youngest-ever Her, and her nephew

Canadian army. Doreen continued to live on Vancouver Island until she

left school. She then returned to England to be presented as a débutante to King George V in 1925. She subsequently lived in California, becoming a member of the first women's polo team in the USA, and fterwards raised show horses in Italy, competing with them in international competitions. In 1935 she learned to fly and in ferrying aircraft from America to Britain. In 1942 she married an American college professor called

States citizen. In 1971 all holders of the Albert Medal were invited to the George Cross, but it was not until several years later that Mrs Ashhurnham-Ruffevent she received her George Cross in 1974, and presented her Albert Medal to the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa. In addition she was awarded the Queen's Silver

Her, and her nephew's, act

while on manoeuvres with the one of their public houses, the Albert Inn, at Street, Somer-. set. A local artist, David Fisher, was commissioned and instead of the all-toofamilar portrait of the Prince Consort suggested commemorating the two youngest recipients of the medal. Courage accepted the notion and Fisher produced a handsome sign which depicted the snarling cougar pouncing on the two children, with the Albert Medal inset in the top right

On November 21, 1975 the sign was, appropriately, unveiled by the late Rear-Admiral R. W. Armytage, GC, Ruffner and became a United CBE, who had himself won the Albert Medal for the attempted rescue of a naval exchange their decorations for rating from a bilge compartment full of poisonous gas in the battleship Warspite at Malta in 1928. Unfortunately ner heard about this. In the the sign, unusual if not unique among "Albert" inn-signs, was removed during renovations to the public house in 1985 and was not reinstated.

Mrs Ashburnham-Ruffner spent the remainder of her life in California where her husband died several years ago. In her eighties she nursed an Medals by the Duke of recovering from long periods and unusual accolade in 1975 unquenchable passion for fast cars, examples of which she

Today's royal

engagements

Dundee, at 2,45.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will visit the restored Magdalen Green bandstand,

Tom Olsen lecture

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LORD McGregor of Durris, successfully, even in Britain - chairman of the Press still the most secretive of all Complaints Commission, said democracies - for the right to last night that if the next see and to correct records held government assesses that the by governments and other commission had failed in its organisations." He told editors and propri-

etors: "A public which had demanded access to official Delivering the first St information and records in Bride's Tom Olsen lecture, order to criticise the behav-Lord McGregor said such iour and policies of governintervention would be in- ments has not been willing compatible with the British and will not be willing to democratic tradition in poli- tolerate a press which behaves tics and would undermine as though it were exempt from fatally the right to freedom of criticism."

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Fraser, chairman, Christian Aid

59; Mr Alan Garner, author, 57

Lord Justice Ralph Gibson, 69

Sir Christopher Harding, chair-man, British Nuclear Fuels, 52

Mrs Ann Jones, tennis player 53; Lord Kilbracken, 71; Mr

Arthur Miller, playwright, 76 Mr Edwin Stevens, founder,

Amplivax, 86: Mr Donald Stew

art, former MP, 71; Mr B.D. Taylor, former chief executive,

Glaxo Huldings, 56; Sir George Turnbull, chairman and chief executive, Inchcape, 65.

Birthdays today

Mr Louis Benjamin, theatrical impresarin, 69; Mr Stephen Bishop-Kovacevich, pianist, 51;

Mr George Mackay Brown, author, 70; Mr Harry Carpenter, sports commentator, 66; Mr Jonathan Charkham, Adviser to the Governnr of the Bank of England, 61; Dr Alexander Cooke, physician, 92; the Earl of Dalhousie, 77; Sir Denis Dobson, QC, former Permanent Secretary to the Lord Chancellor, 83; Lady (William)

The Princess of Wales will launch the Motor Show and npen Earls Court 2 at the Earls Court Exhibition Centre at 10.45. The Princess Royal will visit the

national coaching congress at Bisham Abbey at 10.30; will attend a Carers' day, organised by the Uttlesford Council for Vuluntary Service, at Great Dunmow, Essex, at 12.15; as President of Patrons of Crime Concern, will attend the annual conference at Whithread's Brewery, London, at 2.15. Later, as Patron of the Home Farm Trust, she will attend a perfor-mance of ROPE Theatre in Trust, Bridge Lane Theatre. Battersea Park Road, at 7.55.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of the National Asthma Campaign, will visit the 199t Asthma Gift Fair at the Hurtingham Club at 10.30; and, as patron, will open the new sports hall at St John's School, Leatherhead, at 2.45.

Princess Alexandra will attend a British School of Rome recep-tion at St James's Palace at 7.00.

Luncheon

and the Directors of the Baltic Moller to mark his honorary membership of the Baltic Ex-change in recognition of his contribution to international

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Baltic Exchange Mr Peter Tudball, Chairman, and the Directors of the Batter Exchange gave a luncheon yes-terday at St Mary Axe in honour of Mr Maersk Me-Kinney

the guest of honour and speaker at a dinner of the United and Cecil Club held last night at the Carlton Club. Sir Marcus Fox.

Dinners

Lord Mayor of Westminster
The Lord Mayor of Westminster and Sir Leslie Porter
Marketing Group of
Great Britain
Mr Tim Bowles presided over minster and Sir Leslie Porter were hosts last night at a dinner held at City Hall in honour of the High Commissioner for Australia and Mrs Smith.

Amning those present were:

Str John and Lady Richards. Comcilior Kevin Gardner and Baroness Gardner of Perkes, Mr Adderman and Bourses and Mrs Neal Young. Mr and Mrs Neal Young. Mr and Mrs Neal Mr and Mrs Neal Young. Mr and Mr and

lass of Court and City Yeomanry
The Lord Mayor was a guest of honour at a dinner given by Officers of the Inns of Court and City Yeomanry last night at Lincoln's Inn. He was received by Colonel G.S.P. Carden. Ma-jor J.D'A. Cartwright presided. JOF J.D.A. CHITWIGHT PRESIDENT.
Aming those present were:
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Day, H. B. Jones and F. Ramton, Captain
D. O'Halloren and Mr. J. Smith, European-Atlantic Group
The Yugoslav Ambassador was
a speaker at a meeting of the
European-Atlantic Group held
yesterday at the House of Com-

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Wilkes, political refirmer, London, 1727; Claude Henri, Comte de Saint-Simon, pioneer of socialism in France. Paris, 1760; George Büchner dramatist, Goddelau, Germany, 1813; Nathanial West, novelist, New Ynrk, 1903.

DEATHS: Sir Philip Sidney, soldier and poet, Zutphen, The Netherlands, 1586; Rene Reamur, scientist, Saint-Julien-du-Terroux, 1757; Juhn Ward, hingrapher, London, 1758; Frédéric Chopin, composer, Paris, 1849; Gustav Robert Kirchoff, physicist, Berlin, 1887; Patrice MacMahon, presi-dent nf France 1873-79, Château La Föret, 1890.

Professor Charles Wilson

A memorial service for Professor Charles Wilson will be held in the Chapel of Jesus College. Cambridge, nn Saturday, November 2, 1991, at 2.30 pm.

Shropshire, and Lady Ameson y, of Marlow, Buckinghamshire, to Miss Louise McGlynn, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugh McGlynn, nf Letterkenny. Father Brian McGlynn The bride was given in marriage by her father and attended by Lucia and Louise Dunleavy and Frances Tinny. Mr Henry Howard-Sneyd was

A reception was held at Harvey's Point Hotel, near Donegal and the honeymoon is being spent abroad. Mr D.H. Nash and Mrs R.J. Wiggin

The marriage took place in London, on Friday, October 11, between Mr David Nash and

Lecture

Mrs Rosemary Wiggin.

Royal Over-Seas League Miss Bernice Rubens was the speaker yesterday at the first in the 1991-1992 series of Royal Over-Seas League literary lec-tures held at Over-Seas Hnuse, St James's, in association with Book Trust, the Royal Society of Literature, the Society of Authors and the Library Association. Mr Russell Bowden, Deputy Chief Executive of the Library Association, presided.

Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh

The following have been awarded fellowships of the Royal Chilege of Surgeons of Edinburgh: Sir Edward Dunlop, Professor J.A. Myhurgh and Professor Renzo Dinnigi.

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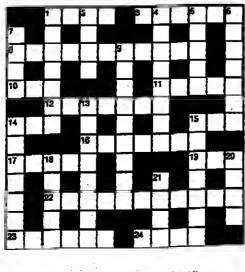
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(2) The Mayor and Burgesses of the London Borough of Bromley acting by the Council of the Borough ("the Council") are successors in title to the School Board of

(3) The premises have ceased to be used for a primary school by the council and have been sold.

(4) By virtue of Section-1 of the Reverter of Sites Acts 1987 the Council holds the net proceeds of sale of the part of the premises the subject of the 1872 Conveyance upon trust for the persons who but for the Act would from time to time be entitled to the ownership of the land conveyed by the 1872 Conveyance by reason of its reverter under the School Sites Act 1841.

Now the Council give notice as follows:-

1. The Council propose to apply to the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales under Section 2 of the Reverter of Sites Act 1987 for an Order establishing a Scheme with respect to the net proceeds of sale of the part of the premises the subject of the 1872 Conveyance which will:

(a) extinguish the rights of the beneficiaries under the trust- and

(b) require the Council to hold the net proceeds of sale on trust for such charitable purposes as may be specified in the Order.

2. Any beneficiary of the estate of THOMAS CYRUS HASLETT formerly of the Parish of Keston in the County of Kent who wishes to oppose the extinguishment of his rights should notify his claim in writing to the Council c/o the Borough Secretary at the address below within three months from today.

Dated this 17th day of October 1991 Watter Million (L43) **Borough Secretary** Bromley Civic Centre Stockwell Close Bromley BR1 3UH



SALMON AND FRESHWATER

Pursuant to Section 25 and Schedule 2 to the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975. the National Rivers Authority ("NRA") hereby gives notice of its Intention to fix new fishing licence duties which will have effect throughout the NRA's area of jurisdiction.

For a period commencing 1 January 1992 and expiring on 31 March 1993 and thereafter a period of one year commencing on 1 April. Species of fish: Salmon, migratory trout (sea trout), trout, chem, grayling, freshwater fish (course fish) and eels.

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1. The concessionary charge will apply to (a) persons who have reached the age of 12 but have not reached the age of 17 on the date of purchase of the licence; (b) persons of state retirement pension age and over. (c) registered disabled persons.

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EXECUTIONS AT NUREMBERG

Hermann Goring committed suicide in the shadow of the gallows by taking cyanide in his cell at 10.45 last night, three-quarters of an hour before the time fixed for his execution. The ten other condemned Nazi leaders, begin-ning with Ribbentrop, were hanged between one and three o'clock this

ON THE SCAFFOLD Two British correspondents were among the eight Press representatives chosen to witness the executions. In

their dispatches they state:-As n result of Goring's suicide the other condemned men, who were to have been allowed to walk freely to the place of execution, were manacled to guards immediately. There was little obje on the part of the men, except by Streicher and Sauckel.

The condemned men died with and the state of t

He and the other nine prisoners were each asked to state their names, and if they had any last words.

Ribbentrop cried: "God protect Ger-many. Thank God thet He is merciful. My last wish is that the German unity should remain and that an understanding between the east and west should come about, and peace for the world." Keitel declared: "I call on the Almighty that he have mercy on the German people. Over 2,000,000 went to their deaths before me. I now follow my sons." His voice then rose, "All for

Ernst Kaltenbrunner entered, accompanied by a Roman Catholic chaplain who were the habit of the Germany."

Pranciscan Order, the Rev. Sixtus O'Connor. Kaltenbrunner gave his name readily, and when asked if he name readily, and when asked if he would like to say any last words answered, "Yes, please. I have served my German people and my fatherland with a willing heart. I have done my duty in accordance with the laws of my fatherland. I regret that crimes were committed, in which I had no part.

committee, in which I had no part.
Good luck Germany!"
Rosenberg, alone among all these
condemned men, answered "No" when
asked if he had any last words to say.
Frank, ruler of occupied Poland,
entered smiling. He appeared to he
talking to the Roman Catholic chaplain
ather than anyhody alse when he saidrather than anybody else when he said-I pray God to take my soul. May the Lord receive me mercifully." He then said how grateful he was for his good handling while he had been in prison.

Frick's last words were: "Long live

the eternal Germany."

Streicher had to be forced across the floor. Ha attempted to wave his arms, but they were securely tied. He roared: "Heil Hitler" — and as he neared the foot of the steps, said "Now I go to God too." At the foot of the steps he was asked his name, and he answered: "My name, you know my name." The question was repeated, and Streicher replied: "All right — Julius Streicher." On the scaffold he shouted: "Now to God. The Bolshevists will get you. I am going to my Father." As the black cloth was placed over his face his deep voice could etil be heard ringing out: "Adele, my loving wife."

Next was Sauckel, who to the last

maintained that he was innocent. When he had been summoned from his cell to make the last walk he refused to dress, and now he refused at first to answer when his name was requested. When the question was repeated he said: "Fritz Sauckel." He answered when invited to make a last statement: "I die innocent. The verdict was wrong. God protect Germany and make Germany great again. God protect my family."

At 2.32 Jodl entered. As much a

soldier as Keitel, he bore himself with dignity and the only words he had to say where "I salute you, my Germany." Seyss-Inquart's last words, to which he seemed to have given some thought, were: "I hope this execution is the last act of the tragedy of the second world war, and thet the lessons of this world **NEW RELEASES**

AUNT JULLA AND THE SCRIPTWITTER (12): Gauche lod (Kosru Reeves) Laßs for feisty aunt (Kosru Reeves) Laßs for feisty aunt (Barbara Hennhey), while a soep opera writer (Poter Falk) weaves mages spells Zesthu treatment of Mario Varges Llose's multi-layered nove. Disector, Jon Amiel. Odson Haymariest (0426 915363). Odeon Haymentest (0425 915055).
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James Toback. National Film Theatre (071-926 3232). National Film Theatre (071-928 3232) DROP DEAD FRED (12; A child's invisible friend (18). Mayell) returns in adulthood is help overcome problems Jerky comedy which fails to capitalise is engaging pramise. With Phoebe Cates. Also De Jong directs Cannone: Challesia (071-352 5036) Haymarkni (071-838 1527) Oxford Street (071-638 0310)

HARLEY DAVIDSON AND THE MARLBORO MAN (19) motory recent and Dan Johnson mirrored in a dim-witted tale of dinflers bungling a bank robbery. Director, Simon Winter. Cannon Oxford Street (071-836 (310) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792

POISON (18): Todd Haynes' style conscious study in social deviance inspired by Jean Genet; unpleaser unedifying.

ungczyng. Metro (071-437 0757). URANUS (15); Dark, powerful drama from Marcel Aymé's caustic novel about the settling of scores in post-liberation France. Gérard Depardieu dominates a fine cast; director, Claude Bern. Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Chelses Cinema (071-351 3742/3743) Lumière

El BECKET: Riveting performances from Derek Jecobi and Robert Lindsay in Anouth's play on the relationship between Henry II and the archibiehop Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (077-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

☐ BOLD GIRLS: Irrelda Staunton and s fine company in Rone Munto's perceptive lock at women's lives in wast Bellest.

wast Belfast. Humpstead, Swiss College Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Set, 4pm, 100mins, Finel week. CURSE OF THE STARVING CLASS: Hell in rural California: revival of Sem Sheparo's brutal drama of family (ife, powerful but unremitting. The Pit, Berbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-836 8891). Today, 2pm and 7.30pm, 130mins.

DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Briss Photostock in Lucianism memory-play set in 1930s Donegal Phoenix, Channing Cross Road, WCZ (071-867 1044), Mon-Sat, 8pm, mals Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm 150m/ms

DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER: n Cedell in average, French boulevard farce. Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070), Mon-Fri, Sprit, Sat, B 30pm.

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JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING

TARTUFFE: Peter Hall directs Felicity Kendal, Paul Eddington and John Sessions in Ranjit Bolt's new translation of Moner's Cassac connect, Season's plays Tartuffe, a hypocritical adventurer who hiddes his greed behind a mask of virtue and plety; Kendal is the mald who seets through his hypocrisy, Eddington the kindly man who wolcomes Tartuffe the high year.

ento his home. Pisyhouse Theatre, Northumberland Avenue, London WC2 (071-839 4401), 7.45pm. ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: Viedimir Ashkenazy

conducts Mendelssohn (overture, A Midsummer Night's Dream); Elgar (Falstell); and Strauss (Ein Heidenlebern, Festivel Hall, South Benk, London SEI (071-828 8800), 7.30pm.

GOLENt John Casken's opera Golern, with which the Durham University lecturer last year won the first Britten Award for Composition, is unveiled tonight at Newcastle Playhouse and will then be Newcastle Playhouse and wit that outainen on an Arts Council Contemporary Music Network tour round Britain. The production is a collaboration between the hashed companies: the two Tyneside-based companies: the Northern Sintonia and Northern Stage. Andrew McKinnon directs
Playhouse Theatre, Newcastle-upon-Tyne (091-232 7079), 8pm

CHICAGO: Paul Kerryson, joint artistic director of Leicester Haymarket Theatre,

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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol •) on release across the country.

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DEKALOG PARTS 3-4 (PG); Krzysztol Klęsłowski a marvelious cycle of moder morafices reptred by the Ten Commandroents, Essentiel viewing, Ranoir (071-837 8402).

LET HIM HAVE IT (15): An epileptic youngster a road to the hangman's node. Sombre, powerful drama about the 1952 Craig/Sentley case. Chris Eccleston, Paul Reynolds, Tom Courtenary, director, Poter Medak. Odeon Leicester Square (0426 015582).

MEETING VENUS (12): Backstag dramas while steping *Tambiluser* in Parts, adroitly observed, but lacking punch. Stanting Niels Arestrup, Gleni

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London House full, returns only

Donovan sports a golden wig for this

gaudy, brash revivel Palladium, Argyll Street, W1 (071-494 5037). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm, 135mins.

LI KVETCH: Steven Berkeff's trp into the East-End Jewish psyche: wild but thirmish. Co-stars Antia Dobson. Garrick, Chering Cross Road, WC2 (071-194-5085). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Set, 5pm

OUR TOWN: Under-powered production of Thornton Wilder's play on

production of Thornton Wilder's play on small-town America. Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats

☐ PECONG: Thrilling version of Medea set on a Caribbean sels. Stzzling performances led by Jerny Jules Tricycle, 299 (killoun High Road, NW6 (071-329 1000), Mon-Sat, 8pm, met Sat, Jern 155mter.

☐ PLAYING SINATRA: ten Gelder, Susan Brown in powerful Bernard Kops drame of syng, incest and naled terror. Warehouse, Dingwall Road, Crydfon (061-880-4050), Tuee-Snt, Bpm, mat Sun,

THE RESISTIBLE RISE OF AFTURO Ut; Emphatically menacing "Hitler" portrait by Antony Sher in Di Trevie's Strong production of Bracht, National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1

(071-928 2252), Today, 2pm and 7.15pm

☐ RICHARD II: Alox Jennings and Anton Lesser as icy king and tough usurps in keenly arqued (though long), wad production. Berbidan, Silk Street, EC2 (07-836

8891), Today, 2pm and 7.30pm, 210mins

celeproved Broadway Implical, Chicago, with music and lyncs by Kender & Ebb. Kerryson's talest production, 70, Girts, 70, successfully transferred to the West End earlier this year. Haymarket Theatre, Lefoester (0533 538797), 7,30pm.

JAPAN AND BRITAIN: AN AESTHETIC DIALOGUE (1850-1930):

AEST HETIC DIALOGUE; (1850-1930). The Barbican's new show during the Japan festival season is a survey of the art of Japan and Britain, showing the influences that each outlier brought to the other. The show explores Victorian Entain's faccination with Japanese art the impact of popular culture, and the development of modern Japanese earliers.

Bartokan Art Gallery, Silk Street, London EC2 (771-638 4141), Mon-Sat, 10am-6.45pm (Tues, 10am-5 45pm), Sun, 12-6.45pm, until January 12.

LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: The LSO performs a monorial concert in tribute to the late Leonard Bernstein, once president of the LSO. The

programme comprises: suite from his opera A Quiet Place, three scenes from

opera A Cuter Prace, unea scenes from West
Mass, Symphonic Denices from West
Side Story; and the Chichester Paalms,
With baritone Benjamin Lucion and the
LS Chorus,
Barbkain, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-636 8991), 7.45pm.

Thurs, Set, 3pm. 135mms,

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Pictadity, Donman Street, W1 (071-967 1/18). Mon-Sat. 7 30pm, mats Wed, Sat. 3pm. 135mms.

7HULT, MADLY, DEEPLY (High Graving Julied Stevenson wills her late boyfriend (Alem Rickman) back to life. Endearingly humane drams; a directing debut for playwright Anthony Minghelle. Curzon Phoenic (071-240 9861) Notting Hill Cortinat (071-727 E705) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) Screen on Baker Street (071-835 2772).

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PROSPERO'S BOOKS (15): Peter Greenway's variation on The Tempest, with John Cietgud's Prospero stalking Shakespeer's text through a jungle of eye-popping Images. British but exhausting.

exhausting. Gate (071-727 4043) Premiers (071-439 4470) Renoir (071-837 8402).

A RAGE IN HARLEM (18):

Buffoonery and violance in a comic-strip Harlem, from Chester Himes's novel; an unpleasant mix. Starring Forest Whitaker Gregory Himes, Robin Givens, Director; Bill Duke.

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art. Hennet Walter leads a choice cast.
Royal Court, Stoane Squere, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, met Sat, 4pm

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Ambessadors, West Street, London WC2 (071-836 6111), Mon-Fri, 8:30pm, Fri, Sat, 5:30pm and 8:30pm, 140mms.

☐ A TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES BROTHERS: Lively parade of tuneful oldies. Good tun. Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-857 1119). Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm, Fri, Sat. 6.15pm and 9pm. 120mins.

☐ WAITING FOR GODOT; Rik Mayal, LI WATTING POM GODOTT, Filk Mayal, Adrian Edmondeon find consady but lose the depth and pathos in Beckett's play. Cusent's, Shaffesbury Averus, W1 (071-494 5040), Mon-Thurs, &pm, Fn, Sal, 5.30pm and 8.45pm. 160mins.

WHEN SHE DANCED: Vaneses Redgrave unforgettable in Sherman's artiul play about isadors Duncan and Globe, Shattesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065), Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm, 135mms,

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Alan Rickman troubled by memories in decorative but hollow Ninagawa drama. THE REVENGER'S COMEDIES: Alen TODAY'S EVENTS Ayokboum's latest play is an ambitous, two-part dark comedy centred on the chance meeting of an incommunic main. directs a new production of the

chance meeting of an incongruous pair strangers; Keren — pteyed by Lia. Williama — is a wealthy and beautiful young woman who meets Harry, a middle-aged, recently redundant divorces (played by Griff Rhys Jones). Co-ataming Joanna Lumley, the play is directed by Ayddooum, Opening night (Part 2). (Part 2) Strand Theatre, Strand, London EC4 (071-240 0300), 7pm.

LADY AUDLEY'S SECRET: Annie Cestledine (recently of Chichester directing Arsania and Old Lact) directs the Lytic's new production: an adaptation of Mary Braddon's Victorian thriter, Lady Audioy's Secret. Lyric Hammersmith, London W6 (081-741 2311), 7.45pm.

BURNING FIERY FURNACE: SI James's Opera group in a new production of British's rarely-performed opera which tells the Old Testament story opers which tells the CIG Testament story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abedrigo who are cast into a furnace for refusing to worship the Babyloman god Merodak. The opera, written in 1980, was intended for church performance and the company is singing it in the vast Church of St Mary, Paddington. Church of St Mary Hagdalene. Defamere Terrace, London W2 (071-482 0333), 2 30om.

Buffoons lack a serious edge

THEATRE!

Three Judgements in One Gate, Notting Hill

AMONG the individual portraits by Velázquez in those astonishing rooms in the Prado, two types stand out: the royal portraits, weak-minded kings and fragile infantas, pathetic faces of unexceptional individuals trapped in the suffocating richness of costume and office; and the bufones or court dwarfs, marvellously, often malignantly alive, sensitive deformed creatures acting parts which they, unlike the royalty, know to be absurd.

There is something of the same contrast in this play by Velázquez's contemporary, Calderón, only in this case the courtly characters and the buffoons occupy the same canvas, and the absurdity too often spills over and makes the whole effect ridiculous.

You have to ask whether this apparently major work by the writer revered as the Spanish Shakespeare would seem less ridiculous if staged with all the resources in terms of ample, flexible space, atmospheric setting and subtle lighting provided by the Olivier or even the Cottesloe. As it is, the tiny, stifling Gate is made even more cramped by Anthony Lamble's triangular set, which recalls the Edgar Allan Poe story in which the walls of a cell close in on a prisoner. A persistently jamming door hardly helped matters on press night.

catapults the action forward to a contemporary Spain peopled by girls in mini-tweed skirts, men in leather jack-ets and tacky glass-topped tables. This works well for the exciting opening scene in which a girl and her father are held up by bandits in the mountains of Aragon. This brings Calderón within spitting distance of the amoral presiding spirit of contemporary Spanish cinema, Pedro Almodovar.

As the father, Don Mendo Torrellas, Kevin Costello manages to look every meh a modern Madrid businessman and to do justice to an idiom which is closer to Greek tragedy than modern speech. Don Lope de Urrea, the younger, troubled son turned bandit, is a fascinating character, psychologically ahead of his time, who blames his bad behaviour on his parents' loveless marriage. Bob Barrett makes a brave attempt at the intense love poetry but ultimately sounds too monotonous. Hermione Norris's Violante, daughter of Mendo and object of Lope's love, conveys a pained dignity but looks terribly stiff. Tom Dunn's King carries a long and erect sceptre in a manner which any production with a sense of

humour would surely have altered.
Only Simon Gregor's marvellously
nerd-like servant Vicente provides the corrective irony which is so badly needed. There is wonderful writing here but it is difficult to take the drama with the seriousness the play itself seems to demand.

to mould them into a coherent whole.

lous. Julian McGowan's set is a vast

double drawing room, with walls and

ceiling in a deep red. Polished

mahogany furniture is arranged on a

glowing dark wood floor, on one side

of the stage is an enormous double

The characters in their dark, late

19th century clothes haunt this set as

window, looking out on to fir trees.

The play does at least look marvei-

HARRY EYRES



Bandit country: Hermione Norris and Bob Barrett in Three Judgements

THEATRE Hedda Gabler Citizens, Glasgow

ROBERT David Macdonald, who has both directed and translated this Hedda Gabler, is a many-talented man of the theatre who has provided some of the most fluent and actable translations seen in the past 20 years. His version of Ibsen's drama is, bowever, not one of his greatest successes; at the end of the evening the good

Timewatch

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THE thousands of ITV executives,

especially at Thames, TVS, TV-am and TSW, whose priority this morn-

ing will have been to rush straight to

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grammes is being reviewed, are in for

a disappointment, though not as large

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thought

though some sumptuous Scandinavian realist painting had been brought to life. But unfortunately their characterisations remain stubbornly in one dimension. things in the production turn out to Anne Lambton's Hedda prowis the have been incidental felicities, still searching for a strong directorial hand

stage like a glorious caged panther who looks as if she could devour Thea intruding on private grief, turned my TELEVISION ? attention to the safer (at least until charter renewal time in 1996) waters of the BBC and last night's Timewatch

> spiracy". At least, that is what Timewatch called it. What the programme was about was the battle for the Atlantic franchise, which took place 500 years ago. As with so many matters involving vast sums of money and governmental interference, it is a tale of tactics, intrigue and plain luck fit to be made into a 13-part ratings block-

programme, "The Columbus Con-

I give this idea to the newly-hatched franchisees for nothing, confident that such a project would belp them keep on the right side of the quality threshold, although I admit that a 501st anniversary has less of a ring to to criticise a programme from one of it than a 500th.

Timewatch is well-known for finding conspiracies where cock-ups had previously been suspected. Last night it debunked the hero myth of Columbus, who claimed that his discovery of Elysted for dinner, and who tears up roses with the same viciousness as she tears up Eilert Loevborg's manuscript. Her performance, though, is ultimately more ice than fire, and her death is

lmost a matter of indifference. Brian Deacon as Tesman bumbles amiably but is too caricatured to elicit much sympathy. Patrick Hannaway as the unsettlingly named Sheriff Brack suggests an odiousness hidden beneath the surface propriety, and Debra Gillett almost makes something special of Thea Elvsted. Both characters, though, suffer from underdirection, and both could have used a stiff dose of Stanislavsky to create more rounded characters. But Andrew

Wilde, as Eilert Loevborg - though at the Indies was inspired by God. In fact

guese map, always a handy fall-back should God's concentration wander. Columbus kept everyone guessing by writing two logs during the famous voyage, which Dr Luis Coin and John Dyson retraced for the programme,

it was inspired by nicking a Portu-

This was because, at the time, Spain held the northern Atlantic franchise



Columbus: cock-up or conspiracy?

against their better judgments. In smaller roles both Angela Chadfield as Aunt Juliane, weary of Hedda and protective of Tesman, and Cordelia Ditton as Berte the maid understanding, judging and silently commenting on the action as she endlessly recrossed the stage - added much needed depth to the play. Such delights as these make the Citizens' Hedda Gabler fitfully absorbing and enjoyable, but one expects something much more satisfying than that.

times impossibly mannered - man-

aged in his two short scenes to leave a

definite impression of a doomed

genius to whom people are drawn

ALASDAIR CAMERON

and Portugal the southern one, so Columbus had to appear to be travelling a northerly route while all the time taking a southerly one, once he had passed the Canaries, threshold of open water and the point where

Portuguese monitoring stopped. One of the achievements of the programme was that it was based mainly on existing knowledge, the problem being that most previous accounts of the journey appear not to have taken account of anomalies in

the paperwork. In this way did Columbus secure the Indies franchise and go to the even richer pickings to the north. Blessed by a government, weighed down with gold, armed with contracts and full of good intentions, be set off in one direction but not even he, with all his seamanship, could be sure quite where he would finish up. How interesting.

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ROCK

Jah Wobble Powerhaus, Islington

WITH the sepulehral, throbbing basslines he played for John Lydon's Publie Image Limited, Jah Wobble introduced fluid rhythms and sensuality in-

to the restrictively angry world of punk. More than a decade later, there is still something punkish about Wobble, but his scope now embraces and combines the very different aims of world music, ambient music, dance and rock. His band, Invaders of the clearly focused approach to the busi-

Heart, is currently a six-piece. Three of them began the Powerhaus performance with music that could have been composed for an exorcism ceremony. As with most numbers, the sound drifted from somewhere vaguely Indonesian in a westerly direction, landing up in north Africa. With the percussion, keyboards and guitar trio joined by Wobble himself, tinkering with a drum machine and grounding their rich semi-improvised slights with his unique bass, this opening song resolved itself into the

title track from the new album. "Rising above Bedlam", both song and album, demonstrate Wobble's

ness of creating bybrid, undefinable music. Previous bands have lacked this focus, but guitarist Justin Adams, keyboard player Mark Ferda, and percussionist Neville Murray proved themselves to be imaginative and skilful enough to play virtually anything. Adams, also a capable percus-

sionist, was an inventive soloist.
As always, Wobble's precise, fattoned bass injected a reggae influence into the Arabic, occasionally east African and Latin feel. The addition of an Egyptian dancer scemed wildly optimistic: rock clubs of this size were not designed for veil-waving, yet she managed to thread an elegant path in between the amplifiers, even leaving

Arts features, page 17 room for the Algerian singer-percus-

sionist who completed the line-up. "Emigrés, refugees, no nothing socicty," they sang in one chorus. The sentiment conveyed the aims of the band very succinctly. Jah Wobble is an unusual musician who has always beld to his singular vision of music without frontiers. Happily contradicting the usual stcreotypes for this area of music-making, be still maintains his trademark image as an Upminster wide boy with the face of an angelic villain. "A spiffing band," he said, congratulating his musicians. The compliment seemed appropriate.

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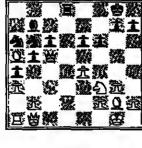
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(b) Small, triangular pastries with meat, fish, vegetable as filling, from the Russian for "little ples". These miniature Russian samozas can be served with borsch, or by themselves as part of

(b) Crafty, canning, from the Latin callidas cumning: "Her eagle-eyed callidity, deceit/and fairy faction."

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and Kate Copstick present another round of the quiz show for families 11.30 People Today. Includes Adrian Mills on celebrities' private passions; and Phillip Hodson Interviewing couples who have fallen in love against the odds. News, regional news and weather at 12.00

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5.00 Newsround 5.10 Blue Peter includes a report on how the popularity of golf in Japan is threatening the environment; and there are the results of the design a Royal Mail stamp competition. (Ceefax)

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8.00 'Alio 'Alio! Another helping of the resistance farce. Michelle's plans to transfer the British sirman scuppered by Von Kilnkerhoffen's sudden: Interest in René's wire cellar. Starring Gorden Kaye. Kirsten Cooke and Hillary Minster (r) (Ceefax)

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Waiting for God. Michael Aitkens's perceptive comedy starring Graham Cole and Stephanie Cole as eccentric residents of a retirement home. (Ceefax) (s)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news 9.30 Smith and Jones. Mel and Griff touch upon such matters as



A ticket to Belfast: Warren Mitchell gets religion (10.00pm)

10.00 So You Think You've Got Troubles. CHOICE: Warren Mitchell finally shrugs off Alf Gamett to play a

wildower rejuctantly caught up in Northern Ireland's religious divide, Mitchell's Ivan Fox is the long-serving manager of a tobacco factory in London who gets moved to Belfast to run a plant there. A lapsed Jew, he declares himself to be an atheist and asserts that taped Jew, he declares himself to be an american desserts that he doesn't care whether his neighbours are Protestant, Catholic or Restalarian. But this is Northern treland and religion is in the blood, not least among the small Jewish community which takes Ivan into its embrace and forces him to rethink his failt. A comedy which is more drama than sitcom also features the reliable James Ellis and Harry Towo and it was written by Laurence Marks and Maurice Gran, the team responsible for The New Statesman and Birds of a Feather, Atthough not in quite the same way, their new show also promises to break a few conventional moulds

10.30 Question Time introduced by Peter Sissons from Heriot Watt university in Edinburgh. The guests are all MPs with a Scottish connection — Michael Forsyth, Mergaret Ewing, Gordon Brown and Sir David Steel

11.30 Capital News, Drama series set in the offices of a Washington

newspaper, starring Lloyd Bridges 12.15am Weather

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3.00 News and weather followed by Westminater Live. Featuring prime minister's question time 3.50 News, regional news and

4.00 Golf. Further coverage of the Toyota World Match Play championship from Wentworth 5.30 Food and Drink. A new series begins with an investigation into

stimming clinics and a South American wine-tasting, With Michael Barry, Jill Goolden, Oz Clarke and new presenter, Paul Heiney (r) 5.00 Film: When Worlds Collide (1951) staming Richard Derr and Barbara Rush. Wordy science fiction drama about a planet on a collision course with the Earth. It bucks up for the finale which won

Gordon Jennings an Oscar for best special effects. Directed by Rudolph Maté. Wales: See Hearl 6.30 Deutsch Direkt 6.55 Colour Eye 7.25 Fast Fessts 7.20 Animation Now. Three films from Bulgaria 7.30 Pirst Sight: A Kick in the Teeth. Kent Barker reports on the

impact of dentists in the south-east turning to private practice. Wales: Between Ourselves; Northern Ireland: Tomorrow's World; East: Matter of Fact; Micliands: Micliands Report; North, North-east and North-west: Close Up North; South: Southern Eye; South-west:

Western Approach; West: Current Account

8.00 A Taste of Japan. Lesley Downer continues her exploration of Japanese cuisine and learns of the importance of simmered food and noodles

Top Gerr, includes a review of the new models at Motoriair 91 which opens this week at London's Earls Court. There is elso a road test on the new Vauxhall Astra 9.00 Alexel Sayle's Stuff. Aparchic humour from Mr Sayle, aided and abetted by Owen Brenman, Angus Deayton, Tony Millan and Jan



Emotional reunion: Alac Krawczynski in the Ukraine (9.30om)

 CHOICE: The eleventh season of 40 Minutes opens with the story of an adopted Scotsman returning to his homeland in the story of an adopted Scotsman returning to his nomeand in the Soviet Union after a gap of 47 years. Alec Krawcynski is a builder in Grantown-on-Spey. He came to the area after the second world war, the latter part of which he spent as soldier in the Polish army. But he hails originally from the Ukraine and after nearly half a century away he has the urge to go back and make contact with his surviving family. With the help of the Red Cross he is able to track down a brother and three eisters and Richard Denton's film follows his immers and charts a series of years tearly transfer the springs. follows his journey and charts a series of very tearful reunions. The emotional strain becomes so great, for Alec as well as his elderly siblings, that he decides to cut the visit short. The viewer will probably be glad as well, for the film gets very close to an intrusion into feelings which are probably better left to be expressed in

10.10 Colour TV. CHOICE: Six short essays on the meaning of colour in our lives are leunched by Jenny Abbott's discourse on white. She has no trouble finding material. White, as her film reminds us, evokes brides, teeth and the Taj Mahel, Whiteness, extra whiteness and whiter-than-whiteness is the claim of every soap powder commercial. Brilliant white is the favourite house paint. So far, so diverting. The trouble comes when Abbott brings in puncits. According to Michael Neve, a professor of social medicine, white is not just a colour but one of society's most dangerous obsessions. How so? Apperently it has to do with our feers of a polluted, and therefore less than white, world, Even more pretentious is the contribution of Leslie Kenton, a beauty writer who tells us she wore nothing but white for 17 years. She says it kept her still in the midst of chaos. Perhaps the real reason was to get a spot on Colour TV 10.30 Newsnight presented by Peter Snow 11.15 The Late Show. An invited studio audience questions Germaine

Greer, about her new book The Change, Among those attending are Claire Short, Susie Orbech, Molty Parkin and Mary Warnock (a)

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9.25 Jeopardyl Quiz game in which Steve Jones provides the answers and the contestants have to supply the questions 9.55 Thames News and weather

topical subject 10.40 This Morning. Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan present the family magazine show. Today's subjects include the importance of herbs and family health. With national and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by national weather 12.10 The Riddlers. Children's puppet series (r)

12.30 News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather 1.10 Themes News and weath 1.20 Home and Away. Australian temily drama serial. (Oracle) 1.50 A Country Practice. Medical drama serial (s)
2.20 TV Weekly. Anne Robinson looks behind the scenes of popular

ITV and Channel 4 programmes; there is a report on foreign game shows; and Barry Took looks back to 1972 and the start of daytime television 2.50 Give Us a Clue. Celebrity character (s) 3.15 ITM News headlines 3.20 Themes News headlines 3.25 The Young Doctors. Medical drama serial set in a large Australian city

hospital 3.55 Captain Zed and the Zee Zone. The first of a new cartoon series 4.20 Mike and Angelo. The return of the American comedy drams series about a friendly alien 4.45 Go Wild! A new environmental magazine series, pre-

Chris Packham. Today the topic is waste. With special guest Craig 5.10 Thames Action. This week's edition covers replica guns; highcommission mortgages; and a conman who has duped scores of

disabled people

5.40 News with Flora Armstrong. (Oracle) Weather

5.55 Thames Help. Jackie Sprecidey with advice on surviving on a student grant

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle)
6.30 Thames News. (Oracle) Weather
7.00 Emmerdale. Scap set in the Yorkshire Dales. (Oracle)
7.30 Voyager: The World of National Geographic. A new 13-part series begins with a look at the disastrous earthquake in San Emperod in 1990.

8.00 The Bilt: Empire Building. The Sun Hill officers take part in Sgt Cryer's drive to arrest defaulters of fines imposed on them by the



ander: Soviet general Yuri Maximov (8.30pm) 8.30 This Week: Target London — Inside e Soviet Nuclear Base. A report from inside a Soviet bellistic missile base, including interviews with the commander of the Soviet Union's strategic rocket forces, General Yun Maximov, and General Fiodor Safonov,

one of the Soviet Army's leading nuclear experts. (Oracle) 9.00 Minder: A Bird in the Hand is Worth Two in Shepherd's Bush. Arthur's northern outlet, Billy from Bradford, unwisely entrusts his racing pigeon, Young Sam, to Ray, Young Sam is to race Pride of Pudsey from London to Bradford for a stake of £10,000 and Ray is to be present when both birds are released. But the young man is in love. (Oracle)

10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald and Fiona Armstrong. (Oracle)
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industry; and a look at the latest developments in the world of 11.10 01. Includes Derek Jarman talking about his new film Edward II 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.30am A Problem Alrad, Viewers' emotional problems discussed by

experts

1.00 The Concert. The Godfathers at the Town and Country Club (s) 2.00 Film: The .44 Specialist (1976) starring Franco Gasparri and John Saxon. Espionage thriller about an agent infiltrating a terrorist network to find out who is mesterminding the organisation.

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9.25 Schools

12.00 The Parliament Programms presented by Anne Perkins, with reports from Nicholas Wooley

12.30 Business Daily. News from the world's money markets

1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series

2.00 The March of Time presented by Murray Sayle. Today's programme examines the pre-war theory of strategic bombing as shown in the 1939 film Soldiers With Wings; and how it worked in practice from a 1944 film The Unknown Battle (r)

2.30 Reclay from Newmarket Brown Senti introduces line coverage. 2.30 Racing from Newmarket. Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the Greene King Handicap Stakes (2.35); the A.R. Dennis Bookmakers Nursery Handicap Stakes (3.05); the Challenge Stakes (3.40); and the Jeyes Handicap Stakes (4.10). The commentators are Graham Goode, John Oaksey and John

4.30 Fifteen-to-One. Fast-moving general knowledge quiz hosted by

William G. Stewart 5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guest is Billy Crystal who talks

about his latest film City Slickers

5.55 Willo the Wisp. Animated series set in a ghostly forest (r)

6.00 The Time Tunnel. Series from the 1960s about two scientists caught in a time warp. This week they find themselves in New Mexico at the time there is a plan to spring Billy the Kid from prison

7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletaxt)

Weather 7.50 Comment

8.00 Matters of Tasts. The second of Jancis Robinson's five-part series exploring the world of tood and drink. This week she considers London as the wine capital of the world (r). (Teletext) 8.30 Baodad Café. Assembly line American comedy based on the successful film set in a desert diner. Tonight the diner's most regular customer, an artist, is delighted to be invited to show his paintings at a swish art gallery. Starring Whoopi Goldberg and Jean Stapleton. (Teletext) (s)



Cell death: Jamie Stewart mourned by his friends (9.00pm)

9.00 Critical Eya: Mysteries of July. ● CHOICE: The ostensible "mystery of July" is how a 22-year-old black man, Jamie Stewart, came to die in police custody. Arrested while driving a car in north London, he was taken to the police etation and within 40 minutes of arrival was discovered unconscious in a cell. He was taken to hospital but pronounced dead. The circumstances of his death were never satisfactonly established. The police said he had died of a drugs overdose, yet they had extensively searched him only half an hour before. This film by the Black Audio Film Collective uses the case of Jamie, and others who have died in custody, to raise what it calls "disturbing and alarming questions" about police powers and accountability
The particular focus is on police relations with the black
community, though the net is spread wide enough to include the
death of Blair Peach as well as the Guildford Four and the
Birmingham Six. (Teletext)

10.00 Drop the Dead Donkey, Up-to-the-minute comedy set in a television newsroom. Starring Robert Duncan and Haydn Gwynne

10.30 Love Talk presented by Carolyn Marshall. Two divorcées, Linda and Rachel, who now live together in a small mobile home, talk about their love for each other 11.00 L.A. Law, Phish American courtroom drame (r). (Teletext)
11.55 A Week in Politics, Vincent Hanna and Andrew Rawnsley review

the week's political news, Charles Kennedy, MP, Oliver Letwin, Conservative candidate for the Hampstead and Highgata seat, and Professor Ivor Crewe, surmise on the general election Issues; and there is a look at Wednesday's debate on manufacturing industry. Ends at 1.25am

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begins a tour with his Cambridge Theatre Company and Manchester Art Gallery recalls the 1950s (s) 4.45 Shorty Story: Shore Dances by

4.45 Shorty Story: Shore Dances George Mackey Brown. Reader, John Shedden
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6.45 The Adventures of Superman
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7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Four Seasons: Autumn
© CHOICE. Phil Smith's
telelidoscope of other people's
thoughts on the season of
mists and mellow fruitfulness
concentrates on the pestoral:
stubble-burying and conkers,
bonfires and seed sowing,
priory ruins emerging from
morning mists, tungifamiliarisation walks through a
wood, and the stirring of pigs'
blood before it becomes black
pudding. But Smith's people
also talk about autumn as a
time for reflecting on mortality,

also talk about autum as a time for reflecting on mortality, sometimes depressingly ("everything's wet and dying"), sometimes joyously (the wonderful old lady who watches Lady Chatterley's Lover on video and can't stop

8.00 Analysis
8.45 Hearing Voices, Seeing
Things, Martin Wiley walks
and talks with Jim Marsden (s)

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Scott reports on Alan Ayekbourn's The Revengers' Corneciles, starring Griff Rhys Jones. Director Mike Alfreds

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stiminations team up to stop him. Starring Andrew Prine 4.00 Gunbus (1986): Two American cowboys find themselves involved in the first world wer. Starring Scott McGinnis, Joff Casterlage 5.40 Entertainment Tonight 6.00 Circle of Violence (1985): A drama about the pent-up frustrations between mother and daughter. Starring Tuesday Weld, Geratidne Fitagerald 0.00 Little Monators (1989): A boy discovers a fur-howing menater siving beneath his bad. Starring Fred Savage 9.40 Projector 10.00 Fis-Animator 2: Bride of Re-Animator (1990): A caszed inventor places together a woman from various deed bodies.

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Jones. Rhythm and blues 9.45 At the Console: Dudley Savege 10.00 Chris Stuart 12.05em
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Story, 9.15 TopeSter; 9.36 Listening and Reading, 9.45 The Song Tree; 10.00 in the News

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6.35em Open University (FM only) 6.55 Weather; News Headlines 7.00 Morning Concert: Vaughan Williams (Romance: Torrarry Reilly, harmonica, Academy of St Martin under Neville Marriner); Handel (Sonata a 5 in B flat: English Concert under Travor Pinnock); Chopin (Scherzo No 3 in C sharp minor, Op 39: Artur Rubinstein, piano) 7.30 News
7.35 Vivaldi (Lute Concerto in D.
RV 93: Paul O'Dette, Parley of
Instruments under Roy
Goodman and Peter Holman); Faure (Suite, Masques at bergamasques: Orchestre de Pans under Baudo); Gershwin

Paris under Batto); LA
Philharmonic under Tison
Thomas, plano); Sgar (Canto
Populare; Nigel Kennedy,
violin, Peter Pettinger, piano

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8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Weak.
Schumann (Plano Tno No 1 in
D minor, Op 63: Borodin Tho):
(Nachtstücke, Op 23: Peter
Frankl, piano)
9.35 Japan Season: Looking West,
Looking East. Brahms
(Hungarian Dance No 6 in D:
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Ozwat: Sondhelm (The Salto Kiriar Interests and Cosway; Sondheim (The Adventages of Floating in the Middle of the Sea Pacific Overtures: Original Broadway cast); Vivaldi, art Tsunoda (Autumn, Four Seasons: New York, Fraemble under Koto Ensemble under Koto Engernale Union Fukumura); Schubert (Quartet in A minor, O 804. Tokyo String Quartet); Sondheim (Next, Pacific Overtures); Respighi (Pines of Rome: Boston SO under Ozawa)

11.00 Jepan Season: Live from Tokyo. Kurt Moll, bass, Ni-K. SO under Wolfgang Sawalisch, performs Weben wind): Strauss (im Scrimenvind); Straus (Two Songs, Op 51, Nottumo No 1, Op 44); 11.45 Morning Walk in Tokyo with Frank Tuchy 12.05 Beethoven (Symphony No 3 in E flat, Eroica)

1.00 News
1.05 Birmingham Lunchlime
Concert, Moscow String
Quartel performs, Tchalle (Quartet in D. Op. 11); Stravinsky (Three Pieces); Gubactulina (Quartet No 3) 2.00 Dvorbk and Martinu. BBC Weish SO under Howard Wilsams, perform Dvorak (The Weish Gouth Co. 107

Polonaisa); Martinu (Symphon 2.55 Music for Trumpet end Pieno. 2.55 Music for Trumper and Heno-Hakan Hardenberger, John Constable, perform locat (Impromptul); Antheil (Sonata); Clerque (Serabande et rigaudon); Berio (Seguenza 10); Thomson (At the Beach) 3.45 York Early Music Festival: Ornheus with His Lute.

Orpheus with His Lute.

Orpheus with his Little. Konrad Junghāna, little, performs Weiss (Pretude and Fugue in D minor); Gallot (Tombeau de M le prince de Condé); Weiss (Suite in G minor)
4.20 Schubert (Four Impromptus, D
899: Edith Vogel, Jano)
5.00 The Ring of the Nibelung, 4:
Götterdärmerung, The The Ring of the Nibelung. 4:
Götterdämmerung. The
concluding cycle of Götz
Friedrich's production of
Richard Wagner's opera. Live
from the Royal Opera House,
Covent Garden. Gwyneth
Jones, soprano, Brünnhilde,
Rene Kollo, tenor, Slegfried,
Donald Maxwell, bass,
Gunther, John Tomlirson,
bass, Hagen, Karen
Armstrong, soprano, Gutrune,
Linda Finnie, mezzo,
Waltraude, Ekicehard
Wilsschihe, bass, Albench,
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soprano, Wellgunde: The

soprano, Wellquade: The Orchestra of the Royal Opera House under Bernard Haitink 7.00 Japan Season: The Sound of

One Hand Clapping. Reflections on the influence of Zen by a choreographer, a philosopher and masters of lower arranging and the tea

7,40 The Ring of the Nibelung: Act 8.50 Interpreting the Ring. With Anthony Pestile 9.35 The Ring of the Nibelung: Act

11.00 Japan Season: Inside Noh. An exploration of tractitional Japanese thestre

11.15 Poulenc (Clarinet Sonata: Garvasa de Payer, clarinet, Charles Wadeworth, piano

11.30 News 11.35-12.35cm Composers of the i-12.35ant Composers or me Week; 20th Century Japanese Composers, Toship Mayuzumi (Mandela Symphony); Somei Satoh (Told Noh Mon, A gate Into Infinity); Akisa Nishimura (Padina in Meditation); Abutada Otalia (Image pour orchestre) (r) 1,00-2.25 Night School (FM only)

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5.55am Shipping Forecast 8.00
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6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30
Today, including 6.30 7.00
7.30 8.00 8.30 News 8.55
7.55 Weather 7.25 8.25 Sport
8.40 Yesterday in Parliament
8.50 Meether 9.05 Face the Facts, With John

Waite (r)
9.30 Opinion: Skidrow. Former racing driver Sir John Writmore suggests that we are heading for trouble unless we adopt a new attitude transments the cere towars the car 10.00 A Glass of Blessings: An adaptation of Berbara Pym's novel, The Faberge Egg (s)

10.00 News: An Act of Worship, Reflecting on the concerns of the day 10.15 The Bible, Bernard Hill reads from Leviticus

10.30 Woman's Hour. Anita Dobson talks about her journey from the east end to the west end; A feature on transexuals, and a discussion on what makes and asserted at 100 makes

good parents; 11.00 news 11.30 From Our Own Correspondent, Reflections on life from abroad 12.00 News; You and Yours 12.25 Trivia Test Match. Brian

Johnston umpines another test of wit and general knowledge (s) (r) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One 1.40 The Archers (r): 1.56 Shipping Forecast

2.90 News: Morris on the Somme.

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Mick Jones's play blends
music, fact and dream in the
story of an Oxfordshire morris
side who dance together
enlist together and find
themselves attacking together
in the opening days of the
battle of the Somme (s)
3.00 News: Down Your Way. On the
second leg of his journey to
the lates, Ludovc Kannedy
takes the fenry over the sea to trie tales, Ludovic Karnedy
takes the ferry over the sea to
Skye (s) (FM only)
8.00 Prime Minister's Questions
3.40 Poetry Please, Sirron Rae with

4.00 News

rs' poetry requests (a)

(s): 9.59 Weather 18.00 The World Tonight (s) 10.45 Booker at Bedisme. The Redundancy of Courage by Timothy Mo 11.00 Monk's Hood. A dramatisation of Elis Peters's novel set in medieval England (s) (r)
11.30 Today in Parlament
12.00 News, incl 12.27 Weather
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12.43 World Service (LW only)

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Gale warning

Rising storm claims its first victims

By BILL FROST AND KERRY GILL

England, Scotland and Northern Ireland today with the strong possibility of structural

damage to property.

As the gales gathered small fishing boat. Police said the three were lucky to be alive after high winds and a heavy swell had pushed their vessel out to sea. Rescue services searched in vain for the boat throughout the night. Eventually it was blown on to a beach north of Loch Stor-

noway, Knapdale. In Wiltshire a man died in a ity. Police said the conditions had made driving extremely hazardous. Coastguards at Portland Bay, Dorset, rescued

have to, is mad". The London Weather extra care, especially if they all unnecessary journeys."

STORM force winds are pre- are in charge of high-sided dicted for much of northern vehicles," said a forecaster. Northern England, much of

Scotland, Northern Ireland and north Wales were expected to bear the brunt of the weather, although high winds strength yesterday, two men and heavy rain are also likely and a boy were recovering in the Midlands and more after an all-night ordeal off the southerly parts. The depres-west coast of Scotland in a sion is expected to bring bad sion is expected to bring bad weather for the next three

Four years ago this week Britain was hit by a severe storm which uprooted an estimated 15 million trees, caused more than £1 billion damage and disrupted power supplies and rail services. The latest system is expected to be less severe, although householders road accident in strong winds, are being warned of the driving rain and poor visibil-possibility of damage to roofs and chimneys as the winds.

The Association of British Insurers yesterday told policy holders to take the weathera sailor from a capsized mens' warning seriously over dinghy and said that "anyone the next few days. Tony Baker, mens' warning seriously over who goes out to sea in these a spokesman for the associconditions, unless they really ation, said: "Batten down the hatches and prepare for the worst. Householders should Centre predicted gusts of up to check their insurance is up to 80mph in exposed areas as the date and take sensible precaudeep Atlantic depression tions to protect their property: responsible drifts slowly east- shut all windows; put cars in wards across the north At-lantic. "Damage to property is and scaffold poles; check gutmore than likely, and we ters for blockages and roofs for would advise drivers to take loose tiles and slates and avoid



Anatomy of a storm: a thousand-mile swirl of cloud marks out the depression over the north Atlantic in a satellite photograph taken yesterday afternoon

Thames, TV-am lose auction

executive of Thames, tioned the commission's calculations, and said the 16 companies would pay £370 million to the Treasury in

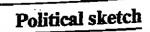
1993, compared with £159

nillion in 1990. He added: "Cash has beater quality. There are few broadcasters in the world that would not list Thames as one of the most distinguished. We own the most valuable library in British commercial television, our regional programmes have consistently exceeded the ITC's expectations, our contribution to the network has been unequalled by any other company and we have been a pioneer on many fronts for the network."

But Michael Green, chairman of Cariton Communications, said his television company was "strong on talent, ideas and management skills. We relish the opportunity to make a significant contribution to the nation's most popular television

Harry Turner, managing director of TSW, told staff. "It is a bitter blow, particularly as we played by the rules. We passed the quality hurdle with flying colours and made the highest bid. They appear to have moved the goalposts. It is extraordinary." Rudolph Agnew, the TVS chairman, said he was "surprised and bitterly disappointed".

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Peers no match for the military

IN THE Commons, Roger King (C, Northfield) was making a sneering case for disqualifying Dave Nellist. Mr King's predecessor in Northfield, the late Jocelyn Cadbury, would not have done this. I retreated to the Lords

To enter Another Place is to enter another world. Peers were discussing education. "I think one wants to be cautious about what one reads in The Guardian. I myself manage very well believing very little of it," said Lord Cavendish of Furness, apparently a whip. A Commons minister, he added, "Mr Edgar", had this in hand. There is no Commons minister called Edgar. Anyway, their lordships

were impatient for the debate they had all been waiting for. Defence cuts. Their lordships were unhappy. Opponents of these cuts had gone down to a crushing defeat in the Commons the day before; but their lordships debate displayed the nobility typical of so many glorious engagements in our history; principal combat-ants had been to Eton and Sandhurst; individual acts of heroism took place; and the cause was doomed from the

It fell to the Earl of Arran, speaking for the government, to warn peers on this last point. A crisp speaker of the militaro-bureaucratic school, Lord Arran spoke of an altered international balance, of "strategy-led but resource-disciplined" think-ing, the "tri-service view", and the "dangers of over-stretch". Several of the larger baronesses stirred uneasily

in their seats. "Fnlly Challenger-equipped," he added, our defence was "smaller but better". Their lordships' heads were beginning to spin. The earl threw "starstrike", "new attack-belicopters" and the "Boeing E3D" at them. Peers mut-

tered uneasily. Where were

"European fighters", "seven type-23 frigates" and "44 Merlin ASW helicopters" scorched past their ear-trumpets, peers were in disarray. Still no cavalry. Arran fin-ished them off with "a future frigate in place of the type-

Lord Whitelaw (Scots Guards) steadied the rebels' nerves with a fighting speech, though it was not always clear who he was fighting. Lord Bramall (Green Jackets & Ghurkas) was fighting HM Treasury. And Lord Shackleton really only wanted them not to scrap the name "Endur-ance". Could her replacement have the same name, he pleaded, touchingly? You could use the old cap-badges and lifebelts again and save

The Duke of Westminster (breaking 12 years' silence with a solid maiden speech, the Duchess of Kent watching anxiously) was fighting prejudice against the TA. It was somehow reassuring to see how much his hands were shaking. You'd have thought he hardly needed to care. He had entered the army, he said, "as Trooper Grosvenor". We had not realised that His Grace was named after an hotel.

I looked down the list of peers intending to speak, now gathered in this gilded chamber. Field marshals, admirals, foreign and defence ministers ... Here were senior representatives of government and the military from every political reverse, every colonial surrender, every defeat at the hands of terrorists for nearly half a

Still to speak on defence cuts was the Earl Haig. His father, one reflected, achieved, almost at a stroke, troop-reductions undreamed of by modern Tory

MATTHEW PARRIS



Johnson: a drug-user among Western athletes

East German scientists forced athletes to take steroids

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to dig for the documents by his wife, Brigitte Berendonk, a successful discus-thrower in West Germany who has now published them as a book (Doping Dokumente: Von der Forschung zum Betrag, published by Springer-Verlag). She was sure that the full story of East German athletics had not been told.

Dr Franke said yesterday that at first he feared the key papers had been destroyed when the East German regime collapsed. On one surviving document, he noticed a mark indicating the Military Medical Academy of the East German army. He managed to been destroyed, and an official

report of the programme. The detected. Raik Hannemann, a

corruption.

In many cases, scientists had gained doctorates on as- his nasal membranes, that he pects of State Plan 14.25. These theses had then been locked away.

Dr Franke has been unable to calculate total spending, but in one project in Thuringia, 15 scientists were ned to be given to athletes involved and annual spending even when researchers noticed amounted to half a million marks. "And this was only one of the 22 projects listed under medal at Seoul in the 400-State Plan 14.25," he says.

oped using a testosterone even after it was found they

documents reveal, he says, an European junior swimming astonishing secret world of champion, described its efsporting and scientific fects as "like a volcanic eruption". It had such severe sideeffects, including damage to was unable to compete in the 1988 Seoul Olympics, Hannemann claims all the East German Olympic team were

told to use the spray. Dr Franke says the reports show that the steroids contindamaging side-effects. Kerstin Behrendt, who won a silver metre relay, is recorded as A nasal spray was devel- receiving two doses of steroid precursor that would not be were damaging her liver.

Waldegrave agrees to 99 NHS opt-outs

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laid at the government's door. However, Mr Cook condemned consultation on the new trusts as a farce, saying that out of 21 staff ballots, not one was in favour of opting

Mr Waldegrave cited a British Medical Association survey which showed growing consultant support of trust status. "Throughout the NHS, as the BMA has confirmed, there is increasing recognition of the benefits which trust status brings," he said. "Despite a truly scurrilons camno informed observer can now doubt that trusts represent a necessary modernisation and simplification of NHS management, which is already

Today will be stormy in most parts of Britain, with north-

west winds gusting at 70mph in northern England, south and west Scotland, Northern Ireland and north Wales. Elsewhere,

winds may reach 60mph. With the winds will come showers, heavy and squally. There may also be longer spells of rain in western and northern Scotland and northern England.

Outlook: cold, very windy and showery.

proving itself good for pa-tients, good for staff and good for the country."

Self-governing trusts are part of the health service but anage their assets and can set their pay rates and borrow from the private sector.

Mr Waldegrave said that he had turned down seven units, two of which are London hospitals, because he did not think their proposals "were fully worked up". He suggested, too, that there had been local opposition in some

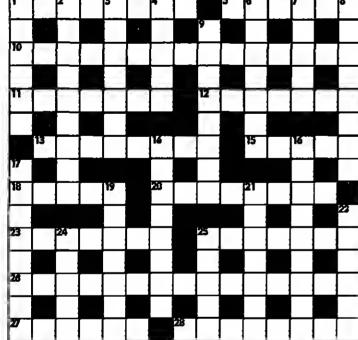
of these areas. Health service organisations were disappointed last night that Mr Waldegrave had gone ahead with so many trusts.

Opt-out list, page 2

TOMORROW IN THE TIMES Fair chance: After an article in last week's Times, action is to be taken at last on telephone canvasing companies that offer to sell second-hand cars through a computer register. The Times revealed that scores of complaints about unfair practice had been received by the Office of Fair Trading

Rattling good idea: Is the collective name for a group of four Trabants a breakdown? Not according to Oliver Woolston, who has started a collection of the eccentric little vehicles from the former East Germany at his Hertfordshire farm

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,739



ACROSS

1 Booth with a couple of silly creatures in? (8).

5 He accompanies an Aberdonian, say, across a river (6). 10 Promise to make jam, others oot being involved (6,4,5). 11 Soives puzzles (7).

12 Warning compelling king to intervene (7). 13 Military Intelligence doctor developing tiny photograph (8). 15 Fellow graduate accommodates Head of Maths for short break

18 Greek screen with the ends missing (5). 20 With peackeepers practical sense is exceptional (8).

23 Muslim food King Edward V consumed (7). 25 Ferret one out for Douglas, per-

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26 Supporter's obstructionist stance resulting in dismissal (3,6,6). 27 Talk given in German at tertiary

college (6). 28 State soldiers gatecrash dance in the castle (8).

1 Was he a politician before becoming a physicist? (6).
2 Spray presented by tenor after

3 A man of letters, the gipsy Lavengro (7). 4 Prisoner inside is representations (5).

6 Like a burlesque thus including send-up of a woman (7). 7 Bluish gas - a lightweight one 8 Islander a painter depicted astride a horse (8).

9 So depict characters like Attila the Hun (8). 14 US iofantryman in a stew? (8).

 Sail manufacturer grasps nothing about rigging at first (9).
 Event raised nothing to support fellow music-maker (8). Greek character provided quarters for Asians (7).

21 The brotherhood's political be-

22 Chaste girl digesting set novel 24 Put this away - at once, OK?

25 A female revolutionary, to begin with? (5).

Concise Crossword, page 21

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions are correct?

By Philip Howard

c. A fap of heavy-metal rock music

L An itinerani Russian salesman

b. Small triangular pastries c. Green amber

b. Cunning, or at least shrewd c. The lid of a vacuum flask

Answers on page 22

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a. The Semitic letter M

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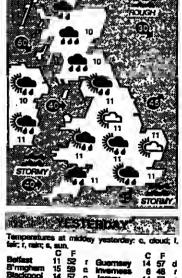
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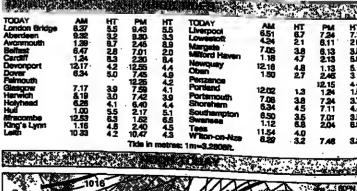
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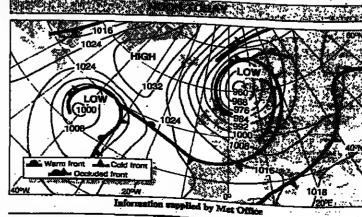


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Pensions borders to fall

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• FOCUS: PENSION FUND MANAGEMENT 34,35 • LAW REPORT 36

The European pension fund industry was turned on its head yesterday with the publication of a directive that will open borders to new

investment.

The proposals by the European Commission will clear the way for British fund managers to advise and deal for clients throughout the EC. It will also allow them to invest more freely abroad. The directive, which is ex-

pected to be approved next year, will probably take effect from January 1, 1993. Only company and private pension funds are affected.

Sir Leon Brittan, European Commissioner for compet-ition policy, called for pan-European occupational pension schemes.

BT coup

BT has taken a further step into the business telephone systems market by winning a contract to replace the inhouse telephone system at Barclays Bank, linking head office with 900 large branches

Two companies that were office with 900 large branches and regional offices. The BT deal will save Barclays £5 million in capital spending.

Thorntons up

Thorotons, the chocolate retailer, saw pre-tax profits increase by 5 per cent to 11.9 million for the 12 months to end-June, on sales up 12.4 per cent at £79,9 million. The final dividend is 2.4p, making a total of 3.6p, an increase of 9.1 per cent. The shares fell 1p to 175p.

Tempus, page 29

Payout pegged Lilley, the Glasgow construction group, is holding its interim dividend at 1p even though pre-tax profits for the six months to end-June fell from £6.52 million to £1.73

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Tempus, page 29	Winner	Cash bid + % of Total bid as % of revenue revenue (estimated)
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The table shows the proportion that would have to be paid to the government by the biggest TV companies if the new tonders were already in place. The franchise holder will pay the lump sum they bid, along with a fixed percentage of edverthing revenue. The table is based on City estimates of 1991 net advertising revenue.

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Dealers mark down TV's high bidders

By MARTIN WALLER

successful incumbent over-optimistic projections, shares rose 49p to 284p.

ITV companies fell heav
The higher the proportion of Of the four losers in the ITV companies fell heavily amid concern that some television companies had financially overstretched themselves in the fight to avoid losing their franchises and might have difficulty

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surviving through the contract period.

Yorkshire TV fell 22p to 180p; HTV, serving Wales and the west of England, fell 5p to 46p; and Anglia, al-though seen as one of the more

> unopposed and went through after bidding derisory amounts continued to rise; Scottish gained 15p to 645p and Central 43p to 1083p. Among the few real surprises on the industry's decision day were the low levels of bids from Granada, which retains the Northwest contract, and LWT, the London weekend franchise holder. Granada shares advanced 11p to 184p, while LWT's convertible preference shares rose 53p to

Nick Ward, media analyst at Smith New Court, the broker, said the market had made an accurate assessment of what most companies had

SHARES in three of the financial assumptions on tions allow in 1994. Tyne Tees

revenue that had to be handed latest franchise round, Tha-over to the government during mes showed a 7p advance to the next franchise round, he 203p and TV-am slipped just said, "the closer you are to 2p to 122p. TSW, the sonth-running into problems if net advertising revenue only grows in real terms, for the Both Thames and TVS. sake of argument, at 2 per cent which have substantial proa year". He pointed out that gramme hbraries and produc-TVS, the south of England tion facilities, are reckoned to contractor that lost out to have healthy futures as in-Meridian, had been looking dependents and will now not for real growth of 5.7 per cent, be hindered by the necessity of at the top of industry making large payments to the

projections. the company might run into will be able to concentrate on trouble as "unbelievable rub- extracting the maximum ambish". He added: "I can assure ount of cash from the business you that we will be in profit over the next 14 months, worries on that point."

believes that earnings from Yorkshire, HTV and Anglia will be on a downward trend worries in the market about the size of Anglia's bid and most of yesterday's fall in the share price was being put down to profit taking.

Tyne Tees may be one of the over-payers, but the market is offered, but there was concern gambling on a full bid from that some companies had Yorkshire, its 19 per cent overbid or had based their shareholder, when the regula-

Clive Leach, the managing TV-am is estimated to have director of Yorkshire, de- £40 million cash in the bank fended his company's finances and its studios are valued in and described suggestions that the accounts at £9 million. It from day one and we've got no while City estimates of the worthes on that point."

The media team at Barclays
de Zoete Wedd none the less
TVS is estimated to be worth

as much as 40p a share if it

were to be broken up. TSW will decide on its in 1993 and the shares look future strategy at a board expensive. But there are no meeting on Tuesday, "We had no agenda for losing," admitted Harry Turner, its managing director. The options include developing its inhouse advertising space sales company and expanding the limited range of programmes already being made.

Thames is 59 per cent owned by Thorn-EMI, which expressed its disappointment that the company had not been successful but said its decision to make an offer for the whole of the share capital earlier this year was made on the basis of a valuation that did not presume the franchise would be retained.

Also gaining from the franchise round were MAL up 7p | Sir David is chairman, last to 124p, the financial services group that is a 66 per cent shareholder in Meridian, and SelecTV, a 15 per cent shareholder, up 11/2p to 241/2p.

Legal challenge, page Winners and losers, pages 4, 5 Diary, page 18 TV's blind date, page 18 Leading article, page 19

Asda clinches Norman conquest



In the hot seat: Asda chairman Patrick Gillam faced some tough talking at the group's meeting yesterday

SIB fails to tighten rules for disclosure

By LINDSAY COOK MONEY EDITOR

SIR David Walker put the Securities and Investments Board on a collision course with the trade department and the Office of Fair Trading yesterday, when he an-nounced that the board was against any changes in the rules on disclosure of commission.

Peter Lilley, the trade sec-retary, asked the SIB, of which December to revise its rules on the disclosure of commission when an investment was being sold. Investors are not told until after they have agreed to take out a policy how much commission the salesman will receive, and then it is expressed as a next month, percentage of annual

premiums. SIB's consultative paper on disclosure does not propose any change on that score. The paper does, however, intend that investors should be given a written summary detailing how much money they get back on policies cashed in early. The summary will include figures expressed as a reduction in policy proceeds to show the long-term impact

of the life company's costs. The board expects a fight. It says it does not intend to implement any changes until after their competition policy implications have been re-

ported on by the OFT. Sir Gordon Borrie, the director general of fair trading, persuaded the department of trade last year that the rules

were anti-competitive. He said: "Full disclosure of commission is necessary for investors to be able to compare independent financial advisers in terms of the costs and quality of their advice." The OFT said Sir Gordon

would be consulting the trade alleged threat to stop work on department and SIB on the proposals.

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Public borrowing

By Colin Narbrough, economics correspondent

government finances in the year will not upset the finanfirst half of the current fiscal cial markets, Mr Lamont will year was rounded off by face upward pressure on in-Treasury figures that showed a terest rates if the recovery fails £2.92 billion borrowing to halt the deterioration in requirement in September, government finances next well in excess of City forecasts.

With the effects of recession pushing tax receipts down and boosting spending, the public sector borrowing requirement (PSBR) built up to £10.8 hillion in the six months from followed a £1.88 hillion April, exactly double what it borrowing requirement in Auwas at the same stage last year. gust, reflected Inland Revenue meeting began. Mr Norman. This makes the the Budget receipts 9.5 per cent below who was not at the meeting. forecast of a £7.9 billion PSBR September 1990, probably for the whole year appear

overoptimistic. Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, is likely to bring the higher than a year earlier. official forecast more closely • Producer prices in western into line with market expecta- Germany rose 0.3 per cent in tions in his autumn statement

While a slight overshoot data showed.

doubles in year in the £357 million cash call. A SHARP deterioration in from the Budget forecast this directors who had presided

> City economists have pencilled in a PSBR of £15 hillion to £20 billion for 1992-3, well above Treasury expectations.

Last month's PSBR, which caused by weaker income tax receipts. Central government expenditure was 12 per cent September for an annual increase of 2.6 per cent, official

The issue was overwhelmingly approved yesterday at a sometimes bad tempered special meeting at Pudsey, near Leeds. About 400 shareholders attended and there were calls for Patrick Gillam, the new chairman, to dismiss

ARCHIE Norman, the fi-

nance director of Kinglisher,

has been confirmed as chief

executive of Asda (Gillian

Bowditch writes). The shares

rose 5p in 50p. 15p above the

price of the shares to be issued

over the group's decline. There were also calls for Asda to move out of non-food retailing. Mr Gillam told shareholders that Mr Norman, who had been approached some weeks

earlier, accepted the post only 15 minutes before yesterday's told The Times that the job was "a formidable challenge". He said he had some ideas for the group hut would want to immerse himself in the husiness for some months before making any announcements.

He said he was sull negotiating when he would leave

TML firms 'hide behind secrecy', says Morton

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SIR Alastair Morton, chief ex-ecutive of Eurotunnel, has sig-"As for comments attributed this enterprise."

clause in its contract to build the £8 hillion Channel tunnel. In a letter to The Times

today, however, Sir Alastair makes it clear there is no reason for TML's ten shareholder companies not to provide a full report on the implications for their balance sheets of participation in TML Sir Alastair accuses TML members of using the confidentiality clause to avoid embarrassment over its per-formance. "It seems the alleged 'gag' is only pleaded when the question asked is inconvenient to TML or its member companies," he

nailed his willingness to take to TML itself over the past few



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Sir Alastair's letter was writclaims on the £620 million lump sum contract for boring and fitting out the tunnel.

TML sources have said completion of the cross-Channel link could be delayed until March 1994 because of modifications necessary to some of the rolling stock. A High Court judge will today hear an application by Eurotunnel for an injunction to prevent TML carrying out an the tunnel'a cooling system.

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Boardroom door still closed to women

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH ABOUT one company in ten would

reject a woman candidate for a top management job no matter how well qualified she might be, according to a report from the Policy Studies Institute. Its authors, Elspeth Howe and Susan McRae, surveyed women directors and the chairmen of the companies that employed them. They found that where women do sit on boards they tend to be non-executive rather than executive and where they are executive directors they are more likely to sit on subsidiary boards than main ones. Female exec-

across the range of responsibilities. The report says that in 1989, 21 of the UK's 200 largest industrial companies had between them 24 women board members, six of whom were executive directors. Lady Howe and Mrs McRae say that while a tenth of senior managers are female, women account for only 1 per cent of chief executives. Since the

utive directors do seem to be distributed

favoured candidates of many chairmen for non-executive directorships are the heads of other companies, the gender imbalance is repeated among nonexecutives.

The main barriers blocking a woman's climb are the structure and organisation of work and attitudes of the people who run the company, "Pioneering" companies that have appointed women to their boards tend to be in areas closely identified with women's traditional roles in the home and in the labour force. Of 20 such companies mentioned in the report, seven are banks or building societies and ten are retailers. The special expertise that women might have in these areas is, for many chairmen, an important consideration in the appointment of a woman to the board.

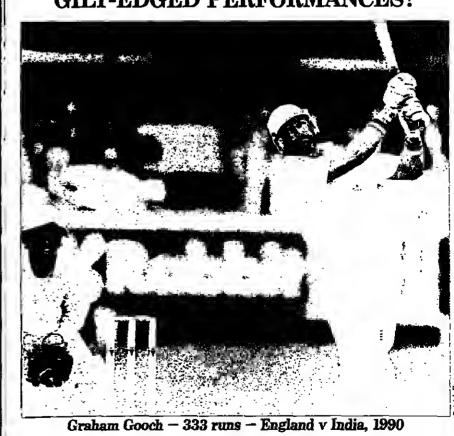
The report finds encouraging evidence of women who have broken traditional barriers and achieved commercial success on the same footing as men, but it questions whether they would have done so without the influence that comes with possession of a title, or of family or political connections, "To an extent, these women come within the old boy network and are reasonably safe," the report says.

While both women directors and the chairmen who appointed them insisted that female non-executives should be of the same quality as men, they thought women had particular skills that were helpful to the board.

These included original views of the market place, ability to give career advice to promising women employees strong contributions in the areas of personnel and customer relations. greater design awareness and ability to ask essential questions without feeling they had lost face.

The report concludes: "In time, the number of women on boards will grow and their presence will become unremarkable. But it does not often make good economic sense to wait for time to bring those changes that could improve corporate performance immediately."

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LFR 'made a quick buck' in shares of Guinness

American investment bank, stock bought later when the took the opportunity to "make price had fallen. The shares a quick buck" despite a request to support the Guinness share price during the drinks group's bid for Distillers, it

was alleged yesterday.

The American bank had agreed to buy £20 million of Guinness stock, or about 6 million shares, on the understanding it would be protected against any loss on the deal by Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank that was the principal financial adviser to

the brewer during its 1986 bid. However, Roger Seelig, a former corporate finance director at Morgan Grenfell who advised Guinness, claimed fewer than 2 million shares were bought by the end of the

Midland publishes charter

By OUR CITY STAFF

MIDLAND Bank is the first high street bank to publish a code of conduct for smallbusiness customers in response to growing public

criticism of banking practices. Midland yesterday published a seven-point business banking charter in which it pledges to change its charges no more than once a year and to give customers one month's notice of changes.

The bank also promises to discuss in advance charges for extra services and to advise customers bow to complain. It said it is also considering an effective way of introducing invoicing for cheques and cash and other means of payment before charging them to customers' accounts.

In July, Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, ordered banks to publish charters after receiving more than 1,000 complaints about banking service. He found no evidence of overcharging but passed the complaints to the Office of

Fair Trading. Gene Lockhart, Midland's chief executive. UK banking and group operations, said: "The need for this charter acknowledges that we have sometimes failed to live up to our aspirations in our dealings with our business customers. The initiative aims to counter the common criticisms made by companies and the organ-until Friday after Mr Seelig complained of flu symptoms. isations representing them."

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EQUITIES

LF ROTHSCHILD, the bid with the balance of the were sold to Morgan Grenfell after Guinness's successful £2.7 billion takeover based on an average price before the bid closed in April 1986.

Mr Seelig, defending himself in the second Old Bailey trial into the Guinness affair, alleged LFR "deviously" made a £1.6 million profit.

The witness, John Angelo, former joint manager of LFR's arbitrage department denied this allegation, but he accepted his bank had profited. Mr Seelig has already accused LFR of obtaining money from Morgan Grenfell by "deception and with an intent to defraud".

Mr Angelo said his depart-ment had agreed to buy £20 million of Guinness shares at Mr Scolig's request, but LFR had sold Morgan Grenfell the shares short. To complete the deal and get the shares for Morgan Grenfell, be said dealers took the chance to buy the balance after the bid when the share price had fallen.

Mr Seelig said: "I put it to you that you and Mark Sohn a London-based dealer for LFR] recognised the opportunity to make a quick buck irrespective of a request LFR should buy shares in the market as a favour to Morgan Grenfell and to support

Mr Angelo replied: "The concern I bad was the stock would go up, in fact it dropped and allowed us to purchase the shares for you and to complete the transaction. The concept of trading is to make a profit." It is alleged that an illegal share support operation was mounted to ensure victory for

the Guinness bid over Argyll,

the supermarket group. Mr Seelig, and Lord Spens, former corporate finance managing director at Henry Ansbacher, the merchant bank, deny conspiring with others to contravene the Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act 1958. Mr Seelig denies a further charge under the Act and two offences of also denies a charge of false

accounting. One of the charges accuses Mr Seelig of falsifying an invoice to Guinness to cover potential losses to Morgan Grenfell on the purchases of LFR's shares in the brewer.

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Cash flow: Nick Hood looks forward to "a stream of unregulated profits"

Wessex makes £105m buy

By OUR CITY STAFF

WESSEX Water has made its first acquisition in waste disposal since forming a £125 million joint venture with Waste Management Inc. America's largest company in the field, earlier this year.

Wessex Waste Management has bought Wimpey Waste, a subsidiary of George Wimpey, the construction group, for £105 million in cash, including the repayment of £16.3 million in inter-company

Nick Hood, chairman of Wessex Water, is confident that, taken together with the financing arrangements already in place, the acquisition will enhance the earnings of £35.1 million. This year, May, BET sold Biffa to Severn Wessex Water. "It provides a carnings are expected to be Trent, another water com-strong base for a stream of £5.5 million, and turnover pany, for £212 million.

Whyte

has '31%

of target'

By OUR CITY STAFF

WHYTE & Mackay has in-

Invergordon Distillers by 8.7

per cent after acquiring 11.08

million shares in the market

and now claims to speak for

31.4 per cent of the company.

Invergordon Distillers con-

tinues to reject Whyte & Mackay's increased cash bid.

million or 275p a share, accusing Whyte & Mackay, which is a subsidiary of

American Brands, of "scare-

James Millar, the chairman

of Invergordon, said: "Whyte

& Mackay's document pre-

sents a misleading picture of

Invergordon's business and

prospects, seeks to diminish

Invergordon's impressive re-

cord and projects a gloomy future for Invergordon and the industry. There is an obvious

contradiction in Whyte &

Mackay increasing its bid for a

company it holds in such low

Directors of Invergordon

and their families bave undertaken to reject the offer in

respect of their 5.5 per cent holding, which is worth £19.4

million at the offer price.

Invergordon's shares slipped

mongering".

regard."

ess," be said. Wimpey Waste million. one of Britain's biggest industrial waste management businesses, with interests in

landfill, waste collection and disposal of hazardous waste. Wessex is acquiring 5.8 million cubic metres of available landfill capacity and 11.1 million cubic metres that have the necessary permits but are gas exploitation projects. Wesnot yet operational. Full planning permission is being mental consultancy services sought for a further 24.6 on these sites for an annual

million cubic metres. In 1990, Wimpey Waste carned operating profits of company this year to offload £4.3 million on turnover of waste disposal interests. In

JOB losses continued to pile

up yesterday as Granada, the

leisure group that learned it

had been successful in the ITV

franchise round, axed 550 jobs

at its troubled computer

jobs were cut in Wiltshire by

Avon Rubber and 300 were

shed in Northumberland by

Alcan is temporarily cutting

production of aluminium worldwide by 8.5 per cent

because of rising stocks of the metal and the lowest price

since 1985. About 200 jobs

The Lynemouth, Northum-

High Court action seeking to

trade and industry secretary,

an order to force Peter Lilley, Harrods.

will also go in Quebec.

aluminium improves.

pany directors.

British Alcan Aluminium.

creased its shareholding in maintenance business, 300

unregulated profits outside about £37.8 million. Ne Wessex Water's core busin- assets are estimated at £25.8

Under the acquisition ag-

reement, Wessex and Wimpey maintain important trading links. Wimpey will provide advisory services for up to five years, for a maximum of £15 million. It keeps landfill sites that are either full or almost full, as well as related landfill sex will provide eoviron

payment of £800,000. Wimpey is the second big

More than 1,000 jobs cut

By OUR INDUSTRIAL STAFF

Mitchard: cutting costs

ting out extra tiers of manage-

month and the production which, it estimates, will knock overhaul at Granada. The

line will be mothballed to £5 million off annual costs group sold its Canadian rental

Meanwhile, Avon Rubber is chief executive, said that the £35 million extraordinary

Lonrho seeks Fayeds order

LONRHO, the interational Company Directors Disqualif origins, their wealth and their

disqualify the Fayed brothers Lourbo and the Fayeds dates at the time, decided in March from holding office as com- back to the latter's £615 last year to take no action.

rany directors.

million takeover in 1985 of John Beveridge QC, LonThe company and Tiny the House of Fraser retail rho's counsel, told Lord Jus-

Rowland, its chairman, seek chain and its flagship store, tice Neill and Mr Justice Mc-

Grampian increases

offer for Macarthy

By MARTIN BARROW

GRAMPIAN Holdings, the Scottish conglomerate, has in-creased its bid for Macarthy, the pharmaceuticals company, from £63.9 million to £79 million, but failed to win the support of the board.

Grampian's latest offer for Macarthy - its third in a battle that began in May - is of 147 new shares for every 100 Macarthy shares, valuing each share at 287p against Tues-day's closing price of 269p. The cash element of the previous bid, bowever, has been dropped. Macartby shares rose 3p to 272p while Grampian slipped 2p to 195p.

Bill Hushes, chairman of Grampian, urged Macarthy shareholders to end the uncertainty surrounding the company and its employees by accepting the offer. John Read, Macarthy's chairman, said the offer was "devoid of commercial logie" and urged sharebolders to remain loyal.

Mr Read also questioned Grampian's financial performance, claiming the company had distorted its reported profits and given "a less than clear picture" of its financial position. Grampian yesterday reported interim profits up 7.9 per cent to £4.1 million and earnings of 4.34p a share. The interim dividend has been

raised by 13.3 per cent to 1.7p. Macarthy previously re-commended sharebolders to accept an £83 million cash and shares bid by Lloyds Chemists that lapsed after being unexpectedly referred to the monopolies commission. A third bid by UniChem, the drugs wholesaler, was also

referred to the commission. Mr Hughes said Grampian had identified cost savings of £3,5 million a year that would arise from a merger with Macarthy, including the clim-ination of bead office costs and the integration of manufacturing interests. Grampian also proposes to dispose of Macarthy's Lifecycle and Nature's Store health food shops

Mr Hughes forecast that the acquisition would not dilute earnings in the current year and would enhance earnings in 1992, with the full benefit of cost savings coming through in the following year.

Avon Tyres and Avon Indus-

The problems at Granada

Computer Services Inter-

national contributed to the

departure of Derek Lewis,

Granada's chief executive, in

May. Alex Bernstein, the

chairman, said a successor

would be appointed by the end

The job losses will be almost

entirely among marketing and

selling staff, he added, with

just a 4 per cent reduction in

the number of technicians

serving customers directly.

The cost of the restructuring

It is part of a continuing

business to the management

Cullough that the Fayeds had

will be £15 million.

two years. Tony Mitchard, the on Monday, giving rise to a

The dispute between las Ridley, the trade secretary

A critical trade and industry duped the minister.

trial Polymers.

of this month.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Kvaerner Govan wins £44m order

THE Kvaerner Govan shipyard on Clydeside has won a £44 million order for a bulk chemicals carrier, which will secure

million order for a bulk chemicals carrier, which will secure employment of the yard's 1,600 permanent workforce until 1993. The 35,500 tonnes deadweight ship has been ordered by JO Odfjell of Norway, and will be operated in association with the shipping arm of the yard's Norwegian parent.

Kvacrner Group, which is listed on the London Stock Exchange, announced the order alongside profits, up 9 per cent, of £65.8 million on sales of £1.02 billion for the eight months to end-August. The firm said profits and sales were lifted by the inclusion of the newly acquired Masa shipyards in Finland and Gotaverken Energy in Sweden.

Air France 'lost Fr1.1bn' challenged

AIR France, the airline owned by the French state, is reported to have lost Frl.1 billion in 1990, compared with a loss of Fr882.5 mil-lion in 1989. The airline's turnover fell 1 per cent in 1990 to Fr16.2 billion, according to reports carried by several newspapers. Air France was expected to confirm the figures today.

WH Smith

SIR Simon Hornby. cbair-man of WH Smith, was challenged by the Keep Sunday Special lobby at the group's annual meeting yesterday, over Sunday trading at three subsidiaries, Do It All, Our Price and Waterstone's. Sir Simon said he would continue to trade on Sundays. "We have to be pragmatic,"

Review for Alan Paul

ALAN Paul, the USM-quoted hairdresser, has announced a boardroom shake-up and "urgent review" of its operations following the recent profit warning. Brian Solomon, a former director of Grindlay Brandt Bank, is to take over as non-executive chairman, and Christopher Smith, a financial consultant, joins the board as a non-executive director. Alan Moss, the previous chairman, remains a director. The shares were unchanged at 37p.

Penna share Baris profit price slumps

USM-quoted outplacement agency, collapsed from 255p announced that first-half pre-tax profits to end-September would be down by 90 per cent at about £100,000. The company said that it intends to pay an interim dividend of 1p

drops 56%

SHARES in Penna, the SHARES in Baris, the fire protection group, fell 38p to 125p on poor half-time results. Pre-tax profit to end-August was £403,000, down 56 per cent. Baris had given a profits warning after pulling out of an Olympic village contract. It says full-year profits will be much lower than last time. The dividend stays at 2p.

Canada in enquiry

full investigation of the activities of Lloyd's of London in America during the Eighties has spread its enquiries to

One Canadian name said that he had asked to provide "everything you've got" relating to his membership of Lloyd's to help with the senate investigations sub-

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Names 'misleading' over Outhwaite By JONATHAN PRYNN who willingly accepted risks that the

THE 987 Lloyd's names bringing a negligence action against Richard Outhwaite, the underwriter, have painted "a totally misleading picture" of Mr Outhwaite and of the state of the Lloyd's market in the early Eighties, the High Court has heard.

The names, all members of Lloyd's marine syndicate 317/661, claim that Mr Outhwaite was "reckless" in underwriting 32 run-off contracts in 1981 and 1982, leading to losses of at least £260 million as a result of asbestosis claims in America. The plaintiffs include Edward Heath. Robert Maxwell. Virginia Wade and Tony Jacklin.

However, Kenneth Rokison, QC, on behalf of RHM Outbwaite (Underwriting Agencies), told Mr Justice Saville, that the plaintiffs' description of a man "who must be a sucker and a pushover"

marker was desperate to get rid of was "totally misleading" and partly based on a misunderstanding of the workings of Lloyd's. Far from being "a patsy", Mr Outhwaite was "a pretty lough nut" who was well known at Lloyd's and "was highly respected before he wrote the policies and still is". Mr Rokison said Mr Outhwaite was "as aware as anyone"

The contracts subsequently resulted in losses "due to a number of developments in America that could not have been reasonably foreseen when the contracts were written", be said. Mr Outhwaite was "not alone in being wrong with the benefit of hindsight". In fact, Merrett

syndicate 421, which is believed to have written 12 run-off policies, had suffered larger losses per £10,000 share than 317/661, Mr Rokinson said. The fact that respected underwriters other than Mr Outhwaite underwrote such business undermined the plaintiffs' submission that "no reasonable, competent underwriter would have done what Mr Outhwaite did".

However, there was "no doubt" that a number of syndicates were having to make reserves in 1981 in relation to old years because of asbestos claims. Mr Outhwaite was an "ideal candidate" to write run-off policies for these syndicates because of their "long-tail" characteris-tics. Mr Rokinson said. Mr Outhwaite had recently taken over the syndicate and was trying to build up a book of long-

tail business for tax reasons. The case continues today.

about the existence of the asbestos problem, but, like the rest of the market, had assumed that the extent of the problem could be assessed and "appropriately reserved for".

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OWN THADED OPTIONS

Sir David Walker, chairman of the Securities and Investments Board, professes himself mystified by the need of investors for more information on the effect of costs and

expenses on their future pay outs. He is quite happy with the present obscure formula, expressed as reduction in the yield, forecast many years ahead, as an annual percentage. This may be actuarially sound but, as so often, few others can understand it. Sir David is dead set against

giving customers any more information on the amount of commission earned by salesmen, or helping them to understand that life products are invariably more profitable for salesmen than other investments. Letting investors know that the insurance company recommended by a broker is also one of the most generous in its remuneration to financial advisers is another nonrunner as far as Sir David is concerned. It would be impossible to regulate and therefore should not be attempted, he says. Under the current regime only the pushy and well-informed

stand a chance of being given

Sir David misses the point

information on commission by a salesmen. Yet Sir David acknowledged this week that the current system of commission payment is fundamentally un-

healthy. Until investors can compare payments to salesmen, they will not be able to judge the independence of their invest-ment advice. Honest brokers should welcome full disclosure.

The Financial Services Act was not set up to protect those already in the know and able to look after themselves. If Sir David will not champion investors it falls to that doughty fighter, Sir Gordon Borrie, director general of fair

trading. Sir Gordon managed to persuade the trade secretary, Peter Lilley, of the need for full disclosure of commission at the point of sale. Sir David seems, determined to ignore the call. He seems quite happy at the advantage the current system gives to the sale of life products.

Maybe he needs more direct contact with ordinary investors.

Written off

merica's banking industry continues in turmoil. The Alatest provisions by Citicorp and Security Pacific show that others are even weaker. SecPac is taking the more cautious view of BankAmerica, its stronger merger partner. Moody's, the credit rating agency, sees Citicorp's axed quarterly dividend as positive and is maintaining its rather and is maintaining its rather

mediocre ratings. In principle, transatlantic woes allied with weaker Japanese competition, should leave richer pickings for other international banks still able to expand. One recent sign was the withdrawal of

American banks from UK property lending, though British banks may not have been overjoyed to take up the slack.

The trouble is that the Swiss and Germans may benefit more than the British, whose domestic provisions have been on a like scale. Throughout the Englishspeaking world, banks allowed the quality of their loans to suffer for the sake of quantity. The harvest is likely to remain rotten for some time to come.

BT queries

Potential investors in the government's BT sale will look in vain in the prospectus for any statement from Sir Bryan Carsberg, the industry's regulator, on what he has in mind for future changes in

the control regime or perhapsmore valuable - what he does not intend to do. The government, which has to approve any substantive changes proposed by Sir Bryan or the Monopolies Commission, will likewise not go beyond the bland general statements usual in privatisation prospectuses. In particular, it will not set out any meaningful policy parameters.

This may be perfectly normal and proper but investors will draw their own conclusions. Circulars from brokers involved in the issue have tended to play down the risk of drastic changes against BT's interest, on the ground that Sir Bryan has recently pushed through a big overhaul of the regime via the duopoly review and tighter pricing limits. This will not wash. Comforting analyses of British Gas took a similar line on itz relations with Ofgas until the company was hit amidships by the government's acceptance of

radical new proposals from the Office of Fair Trading. BT is due to come under a new pricing regime from 1993 that could take in all sorts of similar changes.

Independent brokers are starting to bring these worries to the fore. A circular from Patrick Wellington of County Natwest. the leading analyst free to speak his mind, has already hit the BT price, virtually removing their outperformance in the early stages of the institutional marketing drive.

Lawrence Heyworth of Robert Fleming boldly suggests that institutions should not be pressurised into buying BT. Instead, they should ask a series of searching questions of Sir Bryan. This is highly pertinent. Sir Bryan has mused far and wide, raising the possibility of BT being broken up, of returns on capital being too high. He has raised the possibility of "excess" profits, whatever that may mean, being split between shareholders and customers. Investors should be prepared for the worst. Sir Bryan has made one thing clear: the value of BT to investors does not come into his considerations.

AMID the teacups and dinner plates at Seagoe Ceramics' factory in Portadown, Northern Ireland, stood a row of smooth white cones, each almost three feet high, and perhaps 18 inches in diameter

These were the nose cones of Tornado fighters. Made from a fused silica, capable of withstanding wide temper-ature variations and the im-pact of a bird-strike, the ceramic cones allow radar signals to be transmitted and received without distortion.

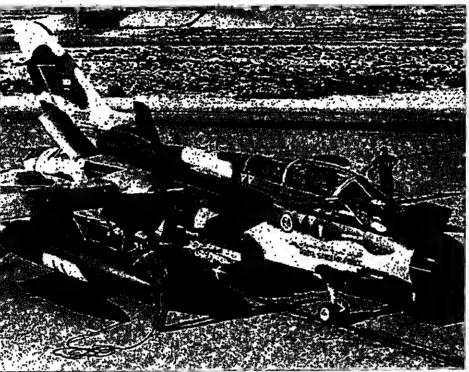
For many years, defence components such as these have been a small, but cherished, part of Seagoe's business. Michael Coulfield, Seagoe's managing director, says: "Radomes only account for a couple of per cent of our turnover but defence work is steady, and it is profitable if you are in a specialised niche. We would like to have more."

So it is for thousands of companies io the United Kingdom, Defence work has rarely been immensely profitable but it has provided a useful underpinning on which firms have been able to lean a little during downswings in the economic cycle.

Leyland DAF, the Anglo Dutch lorry builder, has had a tough time in the present recession. Demand for trucks in the UK has slumped 30 per cent. A British army cootract to supply light trucks and "Drops" palletised load carriers has belped the company retain workers who might otherwise have faced the dole queue. Development work on substitute one product for the vehicles has also assisted DAF to maintain the cost effectiveness of its research facilities io Lancashire.

For firms like these that produce limited runs of defence hardware alongside much larger volumes of com-mercial products the cootrac-ment to identify feeder ships mercial products, the cootraction of Britain's armed forces is damaging, hut it should not be a disaster. They have alternative products, and they have an established marketing network through which to sell them. Commercial products must play a bigger part in the production mix; it is simply a question of re-balancing. But the coincidence of static or declining defence spending and recession has exacerbated

the problems of adjustment. Some companies may acmually benefit from the change. After all, no one is suggesting that total government spending will decline. Over the longer term, construction contractors may find themselves building hospitals, or homes for servicemen repatriated from Germany, rather than repairing airfield runways. Few defence contractors can



After-sales service: despite air raids, BAe kept Saudi Tornados flying against Iraq

Exports offer the best defence against cuts and recession

another with such flexibility, however. Swan Hunter, the Tyneside warship builder, has just completed the James Clark Ross, a highly sophisticated polar research vessel. But it has taken considerable for container ports as a growth market where Swan can seek to compete with merchant ship builders.

Much of Britain's defence procurement spending tends to be channelled through a small oumber of large companies, which often use smaller firms as contractors.

In the year to March 1990, only five concerns were paid more than £250 millioo by Britain's defence ministry: British Aerospace, the General Electric Company, Rolls-Royce, VSEL and Devonport Management, which runs the Devonport royal dockyard.

In the second rank, receiving from £100 million to £250 million, were ten companies: Boeing Aerospace of America, Dowty, FKI Babcock, GKN, Short Brothers, Thorn EMI,

Ross Tieman concludes an examination of

the problems facing Britain's their business. As Dick Evans, chief exec-utive of British Aerospace, contracting

arms industry Vickers, Westland, Ferranti and Plessey.

The changes that have occurred among these top 15 companies in the past eighteen months alone is worth examining each of the top five has announced job losses; combined, the oumbers run into tens of thousands. But there has also been a striking as GEC. concentration of ownership.

GEC has effectively sub-sumed the defence activities of Ferranti and Plessey. Babcock and Thorn are still

arena. Short Brothers has become part of a larger group, Bombardier of Canada,

A similar picture of coosmaller cootractors that count sia with an eye to potential Far defence as the largest part of

Britain's biggest desence contractor, observes: "For many companies, if defence is only 15 per cent of your turnover, you're not going to stay with it." In many cases, the truth of his words is already evident.

There are really two types of leading defence company: the platform builders and system integrators, which produce finished equipment such as tanks, planes and ships, and the component suppliers, such

As the historie barriers around national defence procurement markets decline, so competitive tension is developing between equipment wedded through their joint makers. Platform builders are management of the Rosyth looking at alternative supplidockyard, bot elsewhere ers, often from overseas: Thorn is energetically with- suppliers are looking to chandrawing from the defence nel their products, often

through joint ventures, into weapons produced by foreign platform builders.

Part of the fuss surrounding BAe's rights issue developed because of GEC's desire to secure its place as BAe's main supplier of electronic equipment. BAe argues that closer integration might threaten its ability to win sales in defence markets that are increasingly

The breakdown of traditional East-West areas of hegemooy has opened the way for a free-for-all in inter-

national arms sales. Historically, both sides sold hand-me-down equipment to their own group of client states. The Gulf war has set the seal on the new order. Henceforth, overseas arms buyers will want technology appropriate to their needs, and in areas of political instability, that will mean high

Britain's desence contractors are well placed to com-pete. BAe did not just build the Tornado fighters with which Saudi pilots shot down Iraqi warplanes: its tech-nicians kept the Royal Saudi Air Force flying, despite the Scud missiles falling on Dharan. No other arms builder can claim such a record of in-service support.

The appointment of Sir Colin Chandler, who, as a civil servant, helped mastermind Britain's domination of the procurement programme, as the next chairman at Vickers is another sign of the trend. Vickers will be looking to the Middle East as an export market for its Challenger 2

A similar picture of coo-centratioo shows up among lished an operation in Malay-Eastern markets for offshore patrol vessels. Vosper Thornycroft, the Southamptoo warship builder, regards crew training and support as an integral part of its export

> Distastcful though it may seem to some, exports are an important part of the battle by Britain's desence industry to maintain the production volumes it needs to recoup the development costs of hightechnology weapons systems. They are also a key to the preservation of a substantial indigenous defence industry that can increase production to meet domestie needs io times of increased tensioo, without being a drain on the taxpayer in the interim.

Little wonder that the defence ministry has emerged as an aggressive partner of the defence industry's export efforts. The greater Britain's arms export success, the less the trauma at bome.

Cabotage rules OK for British truckers

Tom Walker

reports on a

proposal to open

Europe's road haulage system to

more competition KAREL Van Miert, the EC transport commissioner, argued yesterday that all Euro-

pean road haulage firms should have the right to unrestricted cabotage, allowing them to pick up and deliver goods within another country, from 1993.

He gave the example of a Dutch truck travelling from Rotterdam to Munich. At present, if there is no return

consignment for Holland, the truck has to go back empty. Under the proposed new rules the truck could pick up a load in Munich and take it to Cologne before returning bome. Previously, most member for oew loads to carr states were worried that the where else in Britain."

be unfounded.

had been granted throughout intervene. Secood, if cabotage registered trucks do. the EC, there had been a negligible effect oo its business. "Quite honestly most foreign truckers are knackered period, in which cabotage will going before transport mioby the time they get here and take no more than 5 per cent isters next spring.



Freedom fighter: Karel Van Miert, EC commissioner

just want to go home any-way," he said. "They're not in rising to complete freedom by the business of looking round for oew loads to carry some-

immediately becomes a threat in 1993, then the commission will construct a transitional European parliament before

The RHA said the only problem after 1993 will be But the oew liberalisation determining to what extent cabotage principle would severally disrupt their domestic could affect transit EC counforcing trucks will have to haulage markets, but an experities like Germany and respect British laws. While imeotal scheme of cabotage France, and Mr Van Miert they will obviously have to quotas has proved the fears to said there will be safeguards to conform to weight and speed the new rules. First, if a limits, it is uncertain whether A spokesman for Britain's domestic market is severely they will also have to be Road Hanlage Association disrupted by cabotage, the equipped with auti-splash and said although 15,000 permits commission will be able to under-run guards, as British-

> Mr Van Miert's proposals will be considered by the

Ashdown finds double trouble

AS Labour and the Conservatives battle it out for support in the City, Paddy Ashdown, leader of the Liberal Democrats, has been quietly making some valuable connections of his own. Ashdown was at the West End offices of Fletcher King, the surveyor, yesterday, to meet various figures from the worlds of insurance, retailing and banking. But his day was nearly ruined wheo he discovtaken by a certaio David Mellor. Fortunately, it was oot David Mellor, chief secretary to the Treasury, but David Mellor, of Julius Mellor, a company that supplies Marks and Spencer with bubble bath and soap. The meeting was strained. The two Mellors look exactly alike.

Call of the Bar

SIR Sydney Lipworth, chair-Mergers Commission, may be was due to announce, appro- the money we save."

ready to return to his roots as a barrister. South African-born Sir Sydney, one of the pioneers of British life assurance, has been called to the Bar, a move which could lead on to a Incrative career in British law. He was called to the South African Bar in 1956 with Sir nearly ruined wheo he discov-ered that the last remaining later joined at Abbey Life, and place at the table was to be followed to Allied Dunbar-"He's an enormously hard worker," says Sir Mark, who is busy setting up J Rothschild Assurance and admits that it is all a lot more complicated than it was 20 years ago. Dark illumination

THE low level of lighting in the Securities and Investments Board's boardroom posed a few problems yes-terday for Sir David Walker, man of the Monopolies and the SIB chairman. Sir David

light is to be shed on the levels of commissions paid to investment salesmen. But, concerned for the eyesight of journalists present, he asked for the lights io the room to be



"No franchise? Think of

priately enough, that no more light is to be shed on the levels of commissions paid to switched on first. Catherine Paviot, who joined SIB's press team from the Serious Fraud



Office last mooth, opened a cupboard in search of the light switches, then put on the air conditioning by mistake. As Sir David summoned reinforcements, a colleague managed to switch on some side lights, allowing the meeting to

Milk teeth

DEALERS at Barings have been chuckling over the latest edition of Baring Organisation and Friends (BOF), a spoof in-house journal, which includes a refreshingly comic view of the anoual "milk-round", io which stockbrokers and banks go io search of new employees. As in previous years, we have been round the orphanages and redbrick universities for

the leftovers. These otherwise unemployable people will shortly be taking up executive positions at Barings. They are exactly the same as those already there." The witch buot has already begun ...

Wilderness girls SIR Peter Holmes, dapper and

adventurous co-chairman of Royal Dutch/Sbell, the world's biggest oil group, must be proud of the exploits of two of his daughters, Jo and Martha, Less than three months after Jo married naturalist and safari guide Robio Pope in the Luangwa Valley, Zambia, her sister has emerged as the star of Sea Trek, the BBC's new underwater televisioo series. Martha, who has spent months researching and filming the series, appears on screen wearing what could pass for a giant goldfish bowl. She has also written a book based on the series - taking ber cue from her father who has produced three works of his own.

JON ASHWORTH

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The Economist, October 1990

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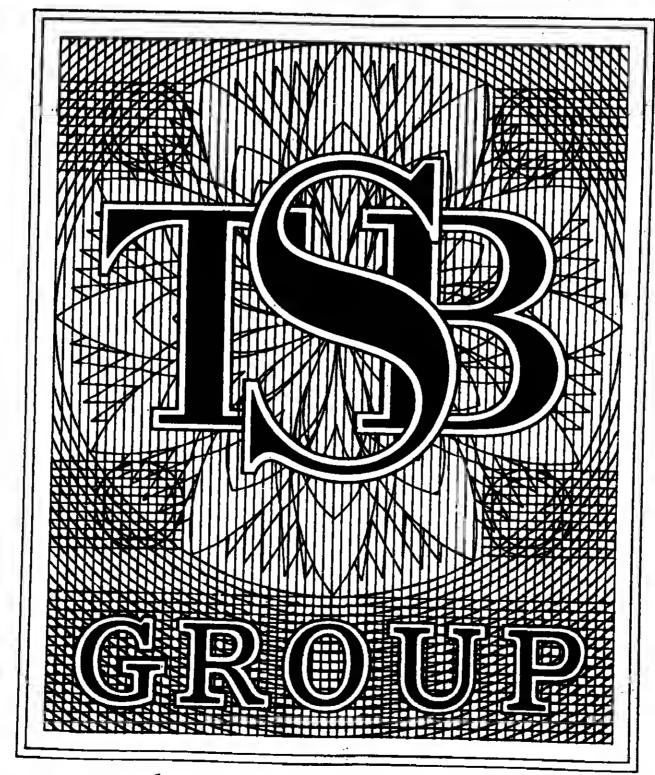
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Higher stakes put focus on Grampian game plan

BILL Hughes, chairman of Grampian Holdings, must play a shrewd game of poker. Having kept a stony face while two rivals in the battle for control of Macarthy slugged it out in the limelight, he has now played what he considers to be an ace while Lloyds Chemists and UniChem are prevented from showing their final cards by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. His hand, however, is

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hardly a royal flush. Grampian's offer is the only one left on the table, but investors will be aware that Lloyds and UniChem may renew their bids if regulatory burdles are overcome. Grampian's in-creased offer of 147 new shares for every 100 Macarthy shares bears no cash alternative and values the target at only £79 million. Lloyds valued Macarthy at £83 million nnd both Lloyds and UniChem offered an element of cash. These two companies may be out of bounds but still have a lot to play for.

Grampian shareholders should expect their company's record to come under close scrutiny now the stakes have been raised. Grampian knows this, bence a 13.3 per cent rise in the interim dividend to 1.7p a share. Profits rose 7.9 per cent to £4.1 million before tax, and earnings 8.5 per cent

Earnings look competitive in a difficult trading environment, but owed much to a 34 per cent profits rise in the pharmaceuticals division to £3.03 million. The sporting goods division, up 7.6 per cent joint tendering for extensions to £1.35 million, was helped by a return to profit at Patrick dro project in Spain are International. Demand for awaited. Gearing stood at 98 sporting goods remains weak per cent at last balance sheet. but Grampian hopes further and could be headed for the 40 sustain momentum.

£14.25 million this year, the £4.63 million to £2.5 million. On expected profits of

Lilley

SIR Lewis Robertson is a company doctor with a well established reputation for staying with his patients until

they are fully recovered. On present evidence, it



Slow recovery at Lilley: Sir Lewis Robertson (left) with chief executive Bob Rankin

at £162.2 million, though the interim dividend is held at 1p RPITONS continue a sbare, declared out of net earnings of 0.91p a share.

A profits setback is not entirely unexpected against the depressed background for construction-related groups, though at least the balance sheet is getting stronger, largely thanks to the summer injection of £24 million by Spanish interests that oow own 21 per cent of the equity.

The fruits of partnership are starting to show. The results of to the Jubilee line and for a hyinterest charge is down from

shares, down 2p to 195p, trade Bob Rankin, Lilley's chief Property disposals contriboo a p/e of 13, which is executive, sits with a group oruted £713,000 to profits and a unlikely to rise until the derbook of £354 million, made change in the depreciation Macarthy tussie is concluded. up of relatively small value policy added £224,000. There and short duration work. Liland short duration work. Lil-ley can move fairly quickly to higher margin work once con-relief on the disposal of Mary ditions improve. A 10 per cent Morrisoo Ltd in 1989-90. stake in Hong Kong Tunnel, with a market worth of be-tween £3 millioo and £4 mil-and French factories working

> million, and put the shares at productivity gains of 14 per 41p oo prospective 10.2 times earnings. A maintained year's dividend of 2.5p would yield 8.1 per cent. Hold on.

BRITONS continue to chomp their way through the current recession and Thorntons, the confectioner, is reaping the benefits of their love affair with chocolate. The year to end-June was n tough one, but strong management and a bealthy balance sheet, coupled with productivity gains, allowed Thorntons to increase pretax profits by 5 per cent to £11.9 million on sales up 12.4 per cent to £79.9 million.

Operating profits rose 14 per cent to £11.4 million and earnings per share grew by 0.5 per cent to 12.6p. There was a 15 per cent rise in the tax charge and earnings per share, adjusted to reflect a consistent but Grampian hopes further and could be read this financial improvements at Patrick will per cent level this financial tax charge, rose 5 per cent. The year-end. The interim oet final dividend is 2.4p, making a total of 3.6p, an increase of

Sales of ice cream were lion, is still good financial am- flat out to meet demand. The munitioo on which to draw. group is looking at ways to A 1991 year-end pre-tax expand the ice cream business compare with last year's £14.1 manufacturing division made

> Gearing is a low 8 per cent and, while John Thornton, the chairman and chief executive,

is cautious about the current

year, the group has a strong range for Christmas and its

steady growth of recent years

The shares, down lp at

175p, are trading on a multiple

of 12.2, assuming profits of £13.6 million in the current

year. The share price has steadily increased for the last

12 months and there is noth-

ing to suggest that it will not

looks set to continue.

continue to do so.

STOCK MARKET

Market fears for financial health of TV winners hit share prices

ATTENTION centered oo the television sector as the City tried to digest the longawaited Channel 3 franchise awards. The Stock Exchange extended its allowance for "indicative" prices from mar-ket-makers by 15 minutes to allow dealers to absorb the complexities.

LWT and Granada were marked higher after they saw off challenges with cut-price bids. LWT's convertible preference shares jumped 53p to 198p, while Granada added 11p to 184p. Success helped Central Independent rise by 43p to £10.83, while Tyne Tees added 49p to 284p and Scottish TV 15p tn 645p. Profit-taking after a "tremendous run" saw Anglia TV retreat 33p to 198p. The loss of their franchises left TSW 12p lower at 70p, TV-am 22p at 102p and TVS Entertainment 9p at 21p.

Thames firmed 7p to 203p in spite of losing its franchise. Carlton Communications, which ousted Thames, was unchanged at 520p. Mark Deilby, an analyst at Warburg Securities, said: "The surprise element was clearly how low LWT and Granada have bid. They have done very well to retain their licences at such a low bid. Otherwise, it was

pretty much as expected." Meanwhile, equities were generally lacklustre in the absence of positive economic news and continuing political uncertainties. The FT-SE 100 index traded in a narrow range, ending 2.3 points project, rallied from early

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higher at 2,579.0. The FT index of 30 shares closed 7.0 higher at 1,980.5. Volume reached 482.3 million shares. Gilts reversed initial rises to close about £332 lower.

weakness, after disclosing the £105 million disposal of its Wimpey Waste subsidiary. closing up 3p at 159p. Ultramar rose 18p to 277p as volume swelled to 13 millinn Eurotunnel fell further in after an encouraging note 425p, before rallying to cluse from James Capel and contin-

Steetley, the building materials group, fell to 257p, but rallied to close at 267p, down 9p. This followed a downgrading from Warburg, which halved its pre-tax profit forecast, from £40 million to £20 million, for the year to end-December, against £85.2 million last year. This nppears to be well below most other forecasts, which are between £33 million and £37 million.

17p lower at 442p, as the group said it is taking legal action against builders who have threatened to stop work unless they are paid more. Costain, a tunnel contractor, lost a further 8p to 64p, while Taylor Woodrow fell 10p to 158p and BICC 8p to 362p. However, George Wimpey, which is also exposed to the

ued bid rumours, centered on British Gas, unchanged at 257p, BP, up 5p to 352p, and Lasmo, unchanged at 315p.

British Telecom lost 7p to 392p after County NatWest advised its clients to sell against a previous "bold" stance. Patrick Wellington, at County, said that fears about political threats, regulatory risks and competition led him

to predict that BT's pre-tax profits could be reduced by about £575 millioo, or 15 per cent, in the 1992-93, assuming

a Labour government. Meanwhile, Hillsdown, the food to furniture group, recovered in edge above its rights price of 210p, closing up 2½p at 212p, providing more encouragement for the company's £280 million cash call, which closes loday. Warburg. joint-brokers, have been pushing hard and now appear to be more optimistic on the issue's likely success.

Asda, the troubled supermarket chain, received approval from shareholders for its £357 million rights issue. The shares responded with a 5p rise to 50p, on heavy volume of 19 million shares.

British Aerospace reversed an early decline in close 2p higher at 379p, still at a small discount to the rights price of 380p. The composite insurers remained nervous as the hurricane approaches, with Commercial Union down 12p in 478p, General Accident 4p at 505p, Guardian Royal 3p to 167p, Royal Insurance 2p to 318p and Sun Alliance 8p to

A Shearson downgrading knocked 8p nff United Biscuits to 384p.

Grampian, the Glasgow mini-conglomerate, lost 2p to 195p, after its increased offer for Macarthy, the Savory & Moore chemists group, up 3p to 272p. The new bid is warth

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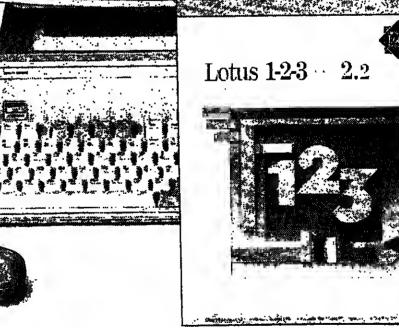
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New York — Shares were firm in morning trading, supported by the advances on Monday and Tuesday that drew more buyers. The Dow Jones industrial average was up by 0.63 of a point to 3,042 in choppy trading. But some investors took profits, which limited

gains.

Sydney — The market shrugged off negative comments about Australia by an international credit rating agency and strengthened to close at a 15-month high on bopes of an interest rate cut and gains on foreign markets.
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Tokyo — Prices ended mixed. Brokers said the market's energy was low in the absence of both news and the big four brokers. The Nikkei index was up 27.02 points, or 0.11 per cent, to 24,334.67.

Frankfurt — Weakness in the chemical sector sent shares lower. The Dax index fell 14.93 points to 1,570.11.

Singapore — Prices closed mixed. The Straits Times industrial index ended at

industrial index ended at 1,370.23, up 0.19 of a point.

Hong Kong — The market was closed.

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Britain's pension funds have reached a new high, but a decision Battle to keep the pensioners and widows merry

34 FOCUS: PENSION FUND MANAGEMENT

managers have quite a task. Try managing £270 billion in funds for a start. Get it right, and a healthy pension is waiting in the wings. A couple of slips — a Polly Peck here, a Breot Walker there - and the task becomes all the more difficult.

Last year was the worst for British pension funds since 1974. Most were heavily invested in shares, and values plunged by an average of 10.5 per cent. About £33 billion weot down the drain. Such losses, however, are only part of the trouble. Legislatioo and court rulings have left big question marks.

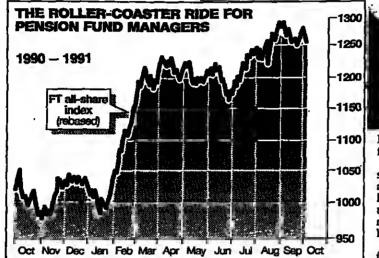
The case of Barber v Guardian Royal Exchange led to a ruling in the European Court of Justice on 17 May 1990 that pensions payable by a company scheme must be given to men and women oo the same terms. Unfortunately, it was uoclear whether the ruling applied from or before that date.

Another case, relating to the pensioo schemes of the collapsed Coloroll group, goes to the European Court oext year and could end the confusion.

Then there are restrictions on self-investment. There is political controversy. Will the government take a lead oo retirement ages for

companies to follow? In the longer term, last year's disastrous performance will do little harm. The average return of funds during the past ten years, according to Combined Actuarial Performance Services (Caps), was 15.4 per cent, well ahead of inflation. Fuods have typically soared 23 per cent this year and overseas equities were the stars of the second quarter, according to the WM Company. American shares are recovering after a long, dull run. WM reports that even Australian shares, shunned by investment managers for years.

'Will the government take the lead on retirement ages for companies to follow?'



bounced back by 11.4 per cent in the second quarter of 1991.

Competitioo among fuod management houses is fiercer than ever. In 1990, Mercury Asset Management was the biggest British pension fund manager, with more than £22 billion under management, said a survey by Hymans Robertson, the consulting actuary. Next came Phillips & Drew Fuod Management, with £14 billion, and BZW Investment Management, with £12 billion.

Legal rulings and government action are quite another matter. Tony Newton, the social security secretary, is under pressure to guide British employers on retire-

ment ages. However, the decisioo to alter the state peosion age is a sensitive one affecting millions of voters, and a consultation document on retirement is the best that can be hoped for as the general

election approaches.
Under the Social Security Act 1990, pension funds will have to guarantee minimum annual increases - limited price indexation or LPL Nobody knows the final cost of Barber and Coloroll to pension funds, so LPI has had to be put on ice.

More legislation is in the wings. The government has said selfinvestment will be limited to 5 New regulations are unlikely be-

Another topical theme is pension rights on divorce. There is an argument that a woman divorced late io life with little time to build up a pension entitlement should receive a share of her former husband's pension. Even the Church of England is

facing controversy over its £2.4 billion fund. The Church Commissioners, as fund managers, have been attacked for investing in businesses with South African links. Although the commissioners do oot invest directly in companies whose main business is armaments, gambling, alcohol, tobacco or oewspapers, a balanced portfolio may make some overlap impossible to avoid.

There are increasing calls for pension funds to become more involved in the affairs of Britain's blue-chip companies. Seven out of ten shares in Britain are beld by institutional investors. However, the National Association of Pensioo Funds says only ooe io five per ceot of a scheme's resources. pension funds votes at company

meetings. One in four never votes. Far from the City investment houses, the people who are supposed to gaio - the pensioners are at last getting a voice. The Occupational Pensions Advisory Service (Opas), set up as a charity in 1982, has received an official grant for the first time. Opas works with local Citizens' Advice Bu-

Smile on the face of the survivor: Deborah

Barrymore, the

Widows pensions

model used to market pensions on television for

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with queries in touch with trustees and administrators. For the first time, there is a pensions omhudsman. Michael Platt took up the post io April and reserves himself for the trickiest cases, the ones Opas has failed to resolve. He is limited to company

reaux to help to put pensioners

public service pensions are not in his brief. The pension scheme registry will be especially useful for employees who have changed jobs several times, leaving cash behind every time. Schemes had to sign up by the end of July, and coce the registry is established it will be easier for pensiooers to trace the amouous and claim their due.

and personal pensions. State and

by the European Court is causing concern. Jon Ashworth reports The Coloroll of pension money

ay 17, 1990 is the one date that pensioo specialists will never be allowed are being watched closely in Germany and The Netherlands, where similar cases are pending. to forget. That was the day the European Court of Justice ruled in the case of Barber v Guardian Royal Exchange. The judgment has been indelibly stamped on the face of British - and, for that matter, European - pensions history, Jon Ashworth writes.

In a nutshell, the court decided that men and women should be able to draw pensions from the same age, not, as in Britain, at 65 and 60 respectively. Unfortunately, the court did oot decide whether the judgment should apply only from May 1990, or benefit people who had retired

There are, however, many interpretations, most of them in the employee's favour. This is the wild card in the pensions pack.

over the cost to industry has snarled up the working lives of trustees, employers. solicitors, accountants and fund managers throughout the United Kingdom. Nobody is sure of the final

Uncertainty

cost of the back payments. The National Associ-ation of Pension Funds thinks that £27 billion is a fair figure. The Confederation of

lion at the outside. In July, the Coloroll case, involving the pension schemes of the Coloroll group of companies, which collapsed in 1990, was referred to the European Court. The ruling could clarify how far back

the retrospection should go. So much hinges on the outcome of the Coloroll case that the European Court is under intense pressure to deliver an early ruling. A hearing has been scheduled for early next year and a ruling may follow by the summer.

John Cunliffe, the pensions partner at McKenna & Co and the solicitor acting for the independent trustees of the Coloroll pension schemes, says proceedings

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The Germans are in a panic over Coloroll," Mr Cunliffe says. "It seems likely that the German and Dutch cases will follow the ruling." The Coloroll case and the German and Dutch cases, according to a review by McKenna, "give the European Court an unrivalled opportunity to rule on the re-trospective effect of the Barber judgment, as well as on money purchase benefits and the position of trustees

Setting 65 as the common retirement age would leave some British pension funds better-off. Lowering it to 60 for men as well as women would leave them deeply out of pocket. Tim Johnson, the head of the

employment law practice of Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, sees no immediate end to

surrounding retrespective payments. He thinks many employers are trying to pre-tend the problem does not exist.

Mr Johoson says: "There are type firms. They be a problem, but doubt over the European judg-ment and they are just sitting oo the fence. There

British Industry predicts £40 bil- is a surprising lack of activity among employers. The question of which retirement age to choose remains high

Tony Newton: due to act

on the political agenda. Last mooth, Labour produced a Charter for Pensioners that would give men the right to draw a full state pension at the age of 60 rather

The Conservatives have been accused of favouring 63 or 65 as a retirement age for both sexes.

Tony Newton, the social security secretary, is due to publish a consultation paper on retirement any day now.

Many companies are trying to pre-empt whatever happens by raising the retirement age for women to 65 ahead of any ruling.



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Sitting pretty and ready for Euro business

Michael Elton talks to Jon Ashworth about the EC proposals that will open up Europe to Britain's pensions industry

are to be given the goahead to manage pension funds throughout Europe, and they have Sir Leon Brittan to thank. Sir Leon, the European Community commissioner for competition policy, yesterday finalised a directive which will open Europe to pension fund managers in London and Edinburgh.

The move will be welcomed by Britain's pensions industry and by Michael Elton, the director-general of the National Association of Pension Funds (NAPF). Mr Elton and his team lobby long and hard on matters affecting the NAPF's 1,200 members and the £200 hillion in funds that they manage Their decisions affect more than six million employees.

Mr Elton and his European opposite numbers held their annual conference in Italy last week, and Sir Leon's proposals were much in mind. The directive calls for cross-border management and cross-border investment - two of Sir Leon's "three freedoms" allowing British companies to advise pension funds in Denmark or France, for instance, and manage the funds on their behalf.

The proposals must be thrown onen for consultation before they can pass into law. They may pave the way for the third "freedom",

ritain's money managers allowing employees to take pooled pensions from country to country, hut such a move is a long way off while tax and social security

arrangements remain different.

Mr Elton supports the directive but hopes for some fine-tuning. "We are pretty free here to invest across borders, but the wording of the draft could leave it open to other governments to impose maximum investment limits on us," he says.

Sir Leon yesterday announced moves allowing UK fund managers to invest more freely abroad

At home, the issue of equal retirement ages for men and The NAPF is awaiting the consultative document on pensions from Tony Newton, the social security secretary, and hopes the government will give a lead on which age

Picking 60 as a common retirement age for men and women could cost the pensions industry between £40 billion and £50 billion. The NAPF supports equal retirement ages and thinks 65 is the best choice but suggests flexible arrangements. Mr Elton says: "We agree that men and women should now be earning equal pensions. We are in favour of future service equality. People should start earning equal pen-sions but we have grave difficulty with compulsory retrospection."

Mr Elton emphasises that a strong occupational pensions sector must be developed to ease pressure on the state scheme. He says: "Underlying everything we say and do is the demographic time bomh, a time bomb of nuclear proportions, with the increasing ageing population and a relatively smaller workforce to support it. Overshadowing every-thing is the issue of equalisation." Mr Elton spends much of his time advising members and lobby-ing politicians and civil servants

ing politicians and civil servants. He thinks the NAPF is being taken more seriously as a result. I think our voice has been strengthened in the past year," he says.

The NAPF's membership of the

European Federation for Retirement Provision gives it a say in Brussels. As greater European unification gathers pace, Mr Elton and his colleagues will see whether their negotiating powers retain



Cross-border opportunities: Michael Elton welcomes the European directive but is hoping for some fine-tuning to the proposals

THREE EXPERTS GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON HOW THE PENSION FUND MARKET WILL FARE DURING THE COMING 12 MONTHS

Tony Dye, investment direc-tor of Phillips & Drew Fund Management, says: "The past 12 months have provided some interesting opportunities for fund managers.

Equity markets were initially depressed about oil prices after the invasion of Kuwait, then recovered as worst fears were seen to be unfounded and hopes of economic recovery in the United States and Britain were encouraged by falling interest

"So the 'shock' for pension fund trustees of seeing a negative return of around 10 per cent on their investments reported for 1990 has soon been overcome. Many trustees are turning

away, at least temporarily, anced approach.



Tony Dye

from the more time-consuming approach to management required by specialised funds, and they are re-assessing the merits of the traditional, bal-

"As to investment, equities look dear in most markets. Accordingly, we are running our lowest exposure to equities since the pre-crash summer of 1987. Our portfolios, therefore, are extremely diverse. Index-linked gilts, UK property, convertbles and Continental European bonds all offer good value relative to equities.

Chris Cheetinam, director of investment strategy at Pru-dential Portfolio Managers (a member of IMRO), predicts: "Unlike a decade ago, the majority of pension funds now hold little or no commercial property and have a substantial amount of international equities. Until re-



index-linked gilts and international bonds. Lately, however, the popularity of bonds has risen, perhaps reflecting are still quite high, so bonds ing more than 30 per cent.

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tion is expected to be low.

cheap nor dear. International equities therefore offer solid, albeit unexciting, returns at

low risk.
"We can be more positive about British markets, especially equities. The discipline of the ERM should ensure that progress on reducing wage inflation will continue. In relation to both gilts and other equity markets, British valuations are

Bill Baker, director of Henderson Pension Fund Management, says: "Since the "Globally, the economic sharp sell-off following the background is benign. Infla-invasion of Kuwait, there has invasion of Kuwait, there has only a limited recovery and, been a bull market, with the as with the bear market of However, real interest rates average pension fund return- 1990, shares that go wrong do



"There have been few hids, small companies have had

ently, fund managers are keeping their heads down. But equity managers also tend to be optimists. Accordingly, we have spent much of this year of recession trying to

spot the recovery coming. "Most of us began the year with high cash weightings and a defensive orientation to some sectors. The process of moving to a more balanced strategy is far from complete.

"Fund managers are huild-ing bond weightings and if the progress of inflation is in line with the optimists' forecasts, we are all going to want to own more bonds. The case for sober, German-style inflation in Britain is not proven, discount recovery cautiously.

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Funds fight for your cash

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More choice in saving for retirement is open to employees than ever before. For merly choice was often between a company pension and a state-funded one. Not

Private pension funds may be tiny next to such giants as Postel, but the amounts are growing fast. There are now nearly five million personal pensions in existence, far more than anyone expected when they were introduced in July 1988. Most people with personal pensions use them to contract ont of the State Earnings-Related Pensions Scheme (Serps). However, even though most plans are shells into which state rebates are pooled, the amounts add up to £3 billion a year.

Scottish Widows found a formidable weapon in the actor Roger Moore's daughter, Deborah Barrymore, who is the glamorous "widow" in its television, newspaper and hillboard advertising campaign.

To follow its "Amicable Man" series, Scottish Amicable asked its customers to send in amusing home video clips and strung them to-gether. The result is a memorable advertising campaign that costs the group between £3 million and £4 million a

Standard Life, which found

the theme of "setting standards", is oot advertising at all at the moment - perhaps another tactic to keep it ahead of the competition. Meanwhile, offices such as Legal & General, with its distinctive umbrella, and Allied Dunbar, with its "health check" series, are keeping up the pressure. Of the 22 million people in Britain who work, about half belong to occupational pen-

sions schemes. Most of the others rely on the state scheme, but many schoolleavers and graduates are buying personal peosions. Company scheme members who wish to top up their

payments can contribute to their companies' Additional Voluntary Contribution (AVC) schemes, although these tend to be conservative,

Wide choice is open to employees, in private and company schemes

or they can take out free-standing AVCs, which are run ment in the first two years, separately by life offices and offer more adventurous investment strategies.

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time to suggest they top them up with £30 or £40 a month from their own pockets. By some estimates, workers

and half the fund thereafter.

them to channel money from

the state scheme, now is the

pension - £3,000 a year for somebody earning £20,000. Most of these people, however, would be reluctant to part with £60 a month. As most of the holders of

A wide variety is open to personal pension plans use employees, and plenty of life offices are happy to give advice. Getting the cash into the pot is one thing. After that, the pension fund managers must make the advertising match the promises.

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as well as up. You may not get back the amount you invested.

SPORTS LETTERS

was appalling and manifested itself most noticeably in the application of the offside law,

which, although now changed for the better, is being enforced

as badly as before.

Jack Taylor awarded a pen-

alty, against the bost nation, in the opening minute of the 1974 World Cup final and was in

complete control throughout. I

his exhibition of the art with

bent and act accordingly. Yours etc., KEITH A. CROWE.

The Squirrels, Halesowen, West Midlands

Changes must be thought out New body will from this penalty. The negative back-pass is a relatively modern disease. I have just watched the film of the 1970 Cup Final, Chelsea v Leeds. In the entire two hours there were the back-passes.

From Mr Robin Stieber rrom Mr Robin Stieber
Sir, What splendid news that
Fifa is going to take action to
curb the time-wasting backpass. Smart Jones (Comment,
October 11) need not be so
pessimistic; of course, tacticians
will try to negate the effect of the
change as they have done course. change, as they have done every time the laws have been changed since the offside law modifica-tion in 1925. They will not necessarily succeed.

This is a positive move, Yours faithfully, ROBIN STIEBER,

intended to produce free-flow-ing, entertaining football. Ignore the comments of Howard Wilsystem enables teams to keep possession for minutes on end, without giving the other side the slightest chance to play. Wil-kinson's idea of punting the ball far upfield will at least cede possession every time to the opposition, which is what they and the spectators want. If that is the best that Leeds can come up with, the game must benefit.

The details of this reform

must be right or Fifa will have another mess on their hands, like the one they bave made of the equally necessary sanctions against "professional" fouls. Two key points are that a goalkeeper handling a back-pass from outside the penalty area "professional" fouls. should concede a corner, and that back-passes inside the area, being made usually for genuine defensive reasons and not for timewasting, should be exempt

From Mr Derek Bratt

until just before the off.

Improving the odds all know it must have one) the better it will be.

Yours out of pocket, DEREK BRATT, 26 Windsor Road, Sir, I fail to see the logic of trainers denying punters essential information about jockeys.

When I see a borse without a jockey in the morning papers, and it is not even in the betting. Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire. From Mr Finbarr Slattery Sir, You list (October 14) the odds of two bookmaking firms on the Dubai Champion Stakes. I disregard it. Now it emerges that a trainer, aided hy a coterie One quotes Generous at 2-1 of jockeys, has deliberately de-nied punters his intended rider (with a run).

I cannot understand bow any bookmaker can justify an extra
33 per cent profit margin in a
book already loaded in their
favour. Surely the honourable
thing to do is to make a separate This may entail jockeys changing horses, even attending different meetings, which means stay-at-home punters like me, who cannot attend meetings, are book without Generous. Yours sincerely

FINBARR SLATTERY, Secretary, Killarney Race Co. Ltd., Racecourse, Killarney, Co. Kerry.

I always though that stones

loose or in macadamised form

constituted a road surface, Tak-

ing the referee's decisioo to be

correct, this means that any

time I play the Old Course I am now at liberty to move any obstruction to a clear swing at

my ball, be it stone, plastic or any other vegetable matter, provided that my ball does not move in the process.

tional forces and follow from the

inertia of the brain itself in

The heavy hoxers show enormous musculature behind the

occk, which helps to mop up some of the momeotum of the blows, but is not likely to

operate early enough to counter

the rotational forces.

27 Learmooth Terrace, Edinburgh 4.

Yours faithfully, JAMES DOYLE,

Yours sincerely, ROBERT S. NEIL.

Flat 9, 17 Dunkeld Road,

failing to follow the skull.

matchstick.

Part of the course From Mr Robert S. Neil

basing our efforts to find the

elusive winner on obsolete

information. The sooner racing

implements its plan to declare

declaring the borse (because we

Sir, During the last match of the Dunhill Cup final between Sweden and South Africa, oo the Old Course at St Andrews (report, October 14), Gary Player's ball came to rest on the edge of the road at the 18th. According to the course rules.

the road is deemed to be part of the course. Surely, then, the match referee was in breach of the rules by allowing Player to move two small stones from beneath his ball with a Perth, Tayside.

Softening the blow From Dr James Doyle

Sir, I was puzzled by Mr Mike which be alleged that the 'power" of the hardest blow can be reduced by 40 per cent by padding gloves.

I doubt if any padding - to the head or fist - has any real effect on the most damaging hlows, which are, as Dr Grant outlined in ber letter published there were ten back-passes, against the 30-40 in an average 90 minutes nowadays. send medal chances to major championships, as this is a minority view.

Previous annual general meetings of athletics clubs have

mandated national managing committees to send "all quali-fied athletes to major champ-ionships". This encourages athletes in the less fashionable 89 Langthorne Street, SW6. From Mr K. A. Crowe Sir, I read with concern (Octo-ber 10) that Fifa is to ban backpasses to the goalkeeper and introduce professional referees for the 1994 World Cup.

Referees and linesmen are out events where the only reward is international representation. It also encourages coaches, admin-istrators and club officials who Referees and linesmen are ont as good as they used to be and changing the rules will not make them better. The standard of lining in the 1990 World Cup believe that athletics is more than just gold medals (or big

money).

Now we have a new British

Athletics Federation it is opportune to reconfirm its commit-ment to sending full teams. understand a motion to this effect will be placed on the order paper of the first AGM in March some of the clubs. Yours sincerely, DAVE BEDFORD

send full team

Sir. Charles Thompson (Octo-ber 10) need not be concerned that British athletics will only

From Mr Dave Bedford

Rugby failings

(Hon. Secretary, British Athletics Federation), 67 Theobald Street,

Borehamwood, Hertfordshire,

From Mr E. E. Smith Sir. Your otherwise exemplary report of the match between Wales and Australia (October 14) made no reference to the illmannered and unsporting behaviour of the Welsh supporters at Cardiff Arms Park. Such behaviour has blighted the game for some decades and sadly has started to spread to other inter-national venues. It does their national game a disservice and counteracts all the benefits arising from an otherwise spectacular and most enjoyable tourn-

Yours faithfully. ERNEST SMITH. Red House, 90 Drift Road, Clanfield, Hampshire, From Mr N. Towers

Sir, I had the good fortune to be able to attend the opening match of the Rugby World Cup at Twickenham. Sadly, the experience was marred by the fact that at 2.25pm, a whole 35 minutes herfore the reshability. minutes before the scheduled kick-off, I was unable to find a single programme on sale anywhere in the ground. Not only must there have

been great disappointment among the cohorts of fellow programme seekers, but, more importantly, the Rugby Football Unioo must have let slip the opportonity for obtaining substantial extra revenue. Yours faithfully, NICK TOWERS, Lamb House, Church Street, W4.

From Mr A. J. M. Chadwick. Sir, Old school ties are some-what out of fashion these days. However, I think Old Rugbeians should be sporting their ties proudly during this exciting month. Has any school besides Rugby given its name to such a worldwide sport? Yours sincerely. A. J. M. CHADWICK,

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Viral infection denies Salman's champion chance to redeem reputation

Confident ring around Pipe

MARTIN Pipe had the un-mistakable ring of confidence at Cheltenham yesterday when discussing the heavily-backed Tamarpour's chance of winning Saturday's Tote Cesarewitch at

"He worked really well this morning," said the record-breaking National Hunt trainer oreaking National Hunt trailed after landing a double with Sweet Glow and Arabian Sultan. "We have laid him out specially for the race since he won the Northumberland Plate, as we didn't want to risk him on the first trail want to risk him on the first county and lester Piesent. firm ground. And Lester Piggott rang np to ask if be could ride

Amazingly, with 43 winners to his credit, the Wellington-based perfectionist is already ahead of last season's schedule when be established a personal record of 230 winners during the campaign. Ridden with consumate coofidence by Peter Scudamore, Sweet Glow gave a faultless display of jumping before winning the Standard Life Handicap Hurdle by three

lengths.
The champion jockey was also on board Arabian Sultan, who won bis fifth race from as many starts when beating Generous Scot by two lengths in the Everyman Theatre Centenary Novices' Hurdle. The runner-up was going just as well as the eventual winner when blundering away his chance at the second flight from bome. Pipe reported that Morley Street's full brother, Granville

Leopardstown on November 17 for the second round of the Sport of Kings Challenge.
Pipe and Scudamore had looked like baving a third

winner when Diamond Cut was still in front at the last flight in the British Beef Stakes. But, sympathetically handled by Morley Street's jockey, Jimmy Frost, Hidden Cove recovered from a slight mistake at the second-last to get up close home for a three-quarters of a length

Although Hidden Cove, a useful performer on the Flat, has an obvious future at the winter game, Ian Balding has oo im-mediate plans. But, talking about Paul Melloo's Sun Alliance Hurdle winner, Crystal defying top weight of 11st 12lb Spirit, he said: "We are going to by four lengths to record his keep him to two-and-a-half sixth victory from nine starts



Far Senior, ridden by Anthony Tory, jumping clear at Cheltenham yesterday miles or longer. He's going to this season for Gordon Richards in the Dermot Daly Memorial

Newbury then back to Chel- in the Standard Life Handicap Trophy. tenham for the third round of the Sport of Kings Challenge, By far the most exciting sight

length wio io the Lydney Novby four lengths to record his home to a comfortable victory Express.

The trainer said that Mr Frisk Kim Bailey landed a first-and- will not run in the Hennessy last race double when Anthony Gold Trophy, but will go to Tory rode Far Senior to a 12- Ascot next week. The stable's runner in the first important ices' Chase and when Marcus long-distance handicap chase of Armytage brought A Lad Insane the season, will be Docklands

Gallop signals end for Generous

By RICHARD EVANS RACING CORRESPONDENT

GENEROUS has run his last race and is being retired to stud. The announcement came yes-terday after the dual Derby winner failed to impress in a worken at Whatcombe.

winner failed to impress in a workout at Whatcombe.

Prince Fahd Salman had been so keen to give his flaxen-maned colt a chance to atone for a disappointing run in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. The owner watched Generous being put through his paces around breakfast time, but any hopes of running in the Champion Stakes at Newmarket on Saturday were seen dashed.

at Newmarket on Saturday
soon dashed.

Anthony Penfold, Salman's
racing manager, said: "Generous didn't work with his usual
sparkle at Whatcombe this
morning and will be retired to
Banstead Manor Stud.

"The high fibrinogen level
which came to light in the blood
test taken after the Arc indicated
the presence of a viral infection.
It is clear that the exertions of
running in the Arc while not 100
per cent have taken their toll."
Ironically, a blood test carried that his top colt had been stabled next door to Zoman who went down with the virus two-

and-a-half months ago. Generous earned £1,127,099 in win prize-money during an 11-race career. Four group one victories included the Dewburst Stakes last year, the Epsom Derby, where he beat Marju hy five lengths, and the Irish Derby, in which he beat Suave Dancer by three lengths.

However, his most devastating performance was reserved for the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes where he pulverised the opposition. In a fast-run race, Generally was hereafted. Generous won by seven lengths, having been eased down by Alan

Munro in the closing stages.
William Hill, who had included Generous in their betting for the Champion Stakes, now bet 9-2 In The Groove, 5-1 Desert Sun, 7-1 Cruachan, Marju, 8-1 Ristna, 12-1 Eo-

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S FOUR MEETINGS

Going: good to firm 2.00 (6) 1, Wolfhound (Pat Eddery, 6-4); 2, Mainly Me (6-1); 3, Fermoy (11-10 lav), 12 ran, 54, hd., J Gosden, Tote: \$250, \$1.10, £1.50, £1.30. DF; £12.10, CSF; £11.97. 2.130 (1m 3) 1. Jubilista (t. Detton, 13-2); 2, Ghylidale (3-1 (av); 3, Den Sound (14-1); 4, Swiss Beauty (8-1). 17 ean 1½, nk. H. Whiting, Tote: £7.30; £1.60, £1.40, £2.10, £7.70, DF: £10.00, CSF: £26.97, Tricast; £259.05, After a stewards' enquey, result

E23.(9. 3.30 (6) 1, See Devil (N Connorton, 10-1); 2, Johanna Thyme (14-1); 3, Hirest Hi FI (13-2); 4, Mithining (7-1); Yes S lev. Hd, 191, 18 mm, NF: Twillight Falls, M Carnacho, Tote: 27.70; E2 10, E520, E1.60, E1.70, DF: E148.90, CSF: E128.12, Tricact: E898.94.

212.12 | Incast 2003.94. 4.05 (Im 20) 1, Bushy Telled (R Cochrane, 12-1); 2, Barbary Reaf (12-1); 3, Queen Of India (9-1); 4, Barbarton Singer (16-1), Safe Arrival 3 fav. 16 ran. 1/21, ½1. G Wragg, Tote: \$10.40, \$1.80, \$5.50, \$3.60, \$5.60, \$7. \$123.40, CSF; \$140.19, Tricast \$1,251.44.

4.35 (Im) 1, Redisham (Pst Eddery, 3-1); 2, Nectar Collector (11-2); 3, Briggs Lad (30-1). Birch Banks 10-11 fav. 11 ran. 154; 54. J Cosdon, Yote: (4.80; 1.10, £1.60, £2.60. DF: £11.30 CSF £19.64 £11.30 CSF £19.64 5.05 (67) 1. Lochsong (R Cochrane, 6-1); 2. Strimmer (16-1); 3. Goldverr [12-1). Deer-hound 1-5 lav, 7 ran 23, 41. I Balding, Tote; £5.10, £1.80, £2.40, DF; £9.30, CSF; £73.20.

of an exhilarating afternoon's racing was that of Clever Folly

Wolverhampton

VYOTVOTH CHIPPEOFF
Going: good
1.40 (50) 1, Sir Tester (O Holland, 16-1); 2,
Barbers's Curic (20-1); 3, Very Bold (14-1); 4,
Ship Cartnon (20-1); Jess Rebec 9-2 fav. 17
ran. Nr. 294, Ind. J Hanis. Tote: £24.00;
£2.80, £5.30, £7.20, £2.00. DF: £164.50, CSF:
£254.31. Tricust: £4.070.86.
2.10 (1m 3r) 1, Prienchypersussion (W
Ryer, 8-1); 2, Absolutely Right (3-1); 3, Island
Desert (11-4 fav), 13 ran. NR: Crowpost,
Irone Lock, Sh Ind, Ind. R Hollinshead, Tote:

rene Lock, Sh hd, hd, R Hollinshead, Tote; 27.80, 21.60, 21.60, 21.90, DF: 225.40, CSF: 231.69, No bid.

231.99. No bid. 2,40 (57) 1, Sobe Guest (J Carroll, 12-1); 2, Trutfield Image (12-1); 3, Walting Possession (7-2 fav); 4, Little Seboteur (10-1), 20 ran. 192, nk, 194, J Berry, Tote: £11.50; £2.30, £3.80, £3.30, £2.90. DF: £115.40. CSF: £145.36, Tricest: £571.74.

3.10 (7) 1, Brown Fairy (D Biggs, 8-1); Laurel Queen (15-2); 3, Caromish (14-1), Just A Step 100-30 fav. 16 ran. NR: Sergeant Maryli. 2, 344. Min N Macauley, Totes: £13-30; £4-20, £2-10, £9-40 DF (1st or 2nd with any other); £270. CSF: £65.89, 3.40 (fm 200/cf) 1, Taroob (W Carson, 9-4); 2, Pica (W Pyen, 6-4 fav); 3, Crystal Cross (14-1). 19 ran. ½1, sh rd. J Durlop. Tote: £2-70; £1, 10, £1-80, £3-60. DF: £2-60, CSF: £5-61.

96.61.
4.10 (1m) 1, Jahrzinho (W Carson, S-4 Eav); 2,
4.10 (1m) 1, Jahrzinho (W Carson, S-4 Eav); 2,
4.10 (1m) 2, 74, Missile Magoc (12-1), 12,
12, 10, 12, 40, DF: 2250, CSF: 52.00, Hero's
Light limithed 4th but after a stewards
enquity was disquelified.
4.40 (1m) 1, South Sea (J Weaver, 12-1); 2,
Walding The Plank (11-8 Eav); 3, Liability
Order (20-1), 11 zm., 274, 174, L Cumen,
Tota; \$10.40; 24.10, £1.60, £3.40, DF: £25.10,
CSF: 229.56, Placepot; £331.80.

Cheltenham

Going good to firm Going: good to the total the service (A Tory, 4-5 lav); 2, Marouat (5-1). Only two linished. 4 nm. 12. K Beiley, Tote: £1.70. DF: £2.60. 2,59 (2m. 71 110yd holle); 1, Sweat Glow (P Scudamore, 3-1); 2, Petty Bridge (10-1); 3,

Classic Statement (2-1 fee). 8 ran. 2t, 10t. M. Pipe. Toter 13,70; 52.20; 52.30. Dir. 215.70. CSF: 125.37. After a stewards' exquiry; result atood.
3.20 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Hidden Cove (J. Frost, 5-6 fay); 2, Diamond Cut (5-2); 3, Trojan Envoy (6-1), 8 ran. NR: Busaro Boy. MJ, dist. 18 Balding, Toter 122.00; 51.10, 51.50, 51.40, Dir. 52.50, CSF: 53.38. 1.140, UPT 22:50, CSF1 23:36, 3.65 (2n.51 ch) 1, Clever Folly (N Doughty, 21, 8:fev); 2, Another Coral (2-1 (e-fev); 3, Wigtown Bay (9-2), 5 ran, 41, 21, G Richards, Toke: £2:30; £1:30, £1:70, DF: £3:10, CSF; £5:10.

E1132. 4.55 (3m 11:10yd ch) 1, A Lad Insane (Mr M Armylege, 4-1 je lav); 2, Mandrald Shuffe (9-2); 3, Crock-Na-Nee (10-1), John O'Dee 4-1 ji-lew, 8 an. 51, 10. K Bailey, Tote: 53-40; £1.50, \$2.00, £2.50. OF: £7.10. CSF: £20.93, Tricesto £180.00

Jackpot: 2800,10. Placapot: 220.80. Wetherby Going: good to fin

6 fav; 2, Newholme Farm (10-1); 3, Midland Lnd (12-1), 12 ran, 61, 61, N Tindder, Toter 12-00; £1-30, £2-60, £2-30, DF; £6-30, CSF; £10-32

3.15 (2m hdle) 1, Shu Fly (Jacqua Otiver, 15-8 te/r); 2, Logamimo (8-1); 3, Vain Phinto (2-1), 9 ran, 141, 375; Mrn S Otiver, Tota: 22.90; 51, 10, 22.00; 170, DF; £22.90; CSF; £18.40 Tricast: 234.01.

18cas: £24 U. 3.45 (2n.50 yd.ch) 1, learus (R Fahey, 7-4); 2, Who's in Charge (14-1); 3, Just Frankis (3-1), Local Costomer 6-4 fav. 5 mat. 21, 11, M H Easterby, Totar: £2.30 £1.50, £2.30. DF £13.30. CSF: £18 18. 4.15 (2m 4f 100yd ch) 1, Cholce Chellange (P Niver, 7-2); 2, Captain Mor (5-2); 3, Sword Beech (2-1 tav); 4 ran, 3½, dist. M Hazmond, Tote: £4,60, DF: £4,10, CSF:

2.10.00. 4.45 (2m inde) 1, Set The Standards (G Thomson, 12-1); 2, Swift Sword (1-2 tav); 3, Denoing Street (25-1). 16 ran. NR: Un Souveraint, 71, 61. A Writilans, Tota: £15.60; £2.40, £1.20, £5.60. DF: £8.20. CSF: £18.86. 2.15 (2m 4f hdie) 1, Deweder (G McCourt, 5- Placepot: £46.10.

NETBALL

Fiji beckons juniors

nationals who will congregate in yesterday. Birmingham for open trials this weekend (Louise Taylor writes). The 12 chosen will represent England at the world youth championships (21 is the upper age-limit) in Fiji. That should be more than sufficient incentive

A TRIP to Fiji next summer is 12 members of the England the prize on offer for the would-be England under-21 inter-formed of their selection

Anyone who proves outstand internationals stands a chance of filling vacancies created by withdrawals from the under-21 squad in time to make the plane to Fiji.

to ensure some optimum performances from around 80 triallists ENGLAND UNDER-18 SQUAD: R W mances from around 80 triallists in front of the selectors.

Matches against Scotland and Wales in February and March may not be quite such a glamorous prospect, but it failed to diminish the celebrations of the

HOCKEY

Germans retain unbeaten record

Auckland - Franziska Hentschel, the powerful German forward, scored her sixth goal in three matches yesterday to strengthen ber side's chances of reaching next year's Olympic

In beating New Zealand 2-1, Germany registered their third win in three matches to retain their lead in Pool A of the qualifying tournament here. Hentschel scored the first goal when she drilled in a precise

after 45 minutes, but Germany

regained the lead seven minutes Knapp converted the stroke later through Britta Becker. corded a confident 3-1 victory corner. The defeat leaves Ireover the United States.

In the men's tournament, Cees Koppelaar, the Ireland coach, angrily blamed poor refereeing for his side's 2-1 defeat against Canada, the Pool

Ireland went ahead early in the second half, but a penalty shot from a short corner. awarded against them in the Anna Lawrence equalised in 63rd minute infuriated front of a partisan home crowd Koppelaar, who claimed no foul been committed. Doug

South Korea, also chasing a into trish wounds in the last place in the quarter-finals re- minute by scoring from a short land in third place.

> The Soviet Union, looked weak in their 1-0 defeat by New Zealand on Monday, regained some credibility, scor ing three times in six minutes in their 3-2 victory over Italy. (Reuter)

RESULTS: men: Pool A: Soviet Union 3, truly 2; Now Zealand 2, Jupan 1; Caracle 2 Ireland 1. Women: Pool A: Germany 2, Now Zealand 1; France 2, Japan 1; South Korea 3, United States 1.

SPORT FOR THE DISABLED

British team celebrates judo double

World Cup for the first time (Jane Wyatt writes).

Simon Jackson, from Oldham (under-71kg) and Paul Lewis, from Bridgend (under-78kg), successfully defended their European titles, with Jackson fighting in a heavier weight category than before.

All nine members of the team

collected medals. Terry Powell, of Liverpool, just missed out on

team-mate, Lewis, and had to be content with silver. Mick Murch

content with silver. Mick Murch (under-65kg), Andy Apsey (under-71kg), Tony Webb (under-95kg) and David Hodgkins (over 95kg), all won bronze.

Great Britain claimed the Great Britain claimed the are preparing their formidable team for the Paralympic Games in Barcelona. France, on seven.

In the World Cup, which was held in Sassari immediately

A DOUBLE victory is being clebrated by the British blind sport judo squad after winning the European championship title at Sassari, Sardinia, and the Wycombe, failed to dislodge his clebrated by the British blind bronze.

Knowles, from London, won the United States. Great Britain again took first place, this time on a medal tally, with the Wycombe, failed to dislodge his Russians second and Italy third. That the Japanese stayed

Jackson again won gold and Rose this time toppled Lewis to

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Law Report October 17 1991

No power to hear appeal

Henry J. Garrett & Co v order prohibited Mr Ewing, inter alia, from "(i) instituting Before Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls,

Lord Justice Russell and Lord

[Judgment October 15]

A defendant, who was a vexatious litigant, might not appeal to the Court of Appeal from a judgment given against him without first having obtained the leave of the High Court to do

The Court of Appeal so stated, ruling that it had no jurisdiction to entertain an appeal sought to be brought without the leave of the High Court hy Terence Ewing who was subject to a civil proceedings order made under section 42 of order made under section 42 of the Supreme Court Act 1981, as amended by section 24 of the Prosecution of Offences Act 1985, from the decision of Judge Butter, QC, who had given judgment in favour of the plaintiffs, Henry J. Garrett & Co, in proceedings brought by them in Bow County Court.

Mr Ewing in person; the plaintiffs were neither present nor represented.

ROLLS said that the section 42

any civil proceeding in any court (ii) ... and (iii) making any application, other than an application for leave as required by the order, in any civil proceedings instituted by him or another in any court unless he obtains the leave of the High Court and satisfies the court that the proceedings are not an abuse of the process of the court in question and that there are reasonable grounds for the proceedings or application.

The wording of that order closely followed that of section ciosely followed that of section 42(1A) of the 1981 Act, as amended, and was to be construed consistently with it. Section 42(1)(b) provided that if the High Court were satisfied that any person habitually and person habitually and presently and priches. any person habitually and persistently and without reasonable grounds made vexatious applications in any civil proceedings, whether in the High Court or any inferior court, the court might make a civil proceedings order.

In Attorney-General v Jones ([1990] 1 WLR 859) the Court of Appeal had beld that substantive appeals to the Court of Appeal constituted applications in any civil proceedings within the meaning of section 42(1)(b).

the court, although section 42(1A) was not in terms considered in Jones. If section 42(1A) were to be

construed consistently with section 42(1), any appeal or application to the Court of Appeal without the leave of the High Court would be barred by paragraph (iii) of the section 42 order which reflected section If sections 42(1) and 42(tA)

fell to be construed separately and the latter were to be construed without regard to the construction put on section 42(1)(b) in Jones it was plain that Mr Ewing's proposed appeal was barred either under represented 6) of the region 43 paragraph (i) of the section 42 order as constituting the in-stituting by him of a civil proceeding in the Court of Appeal, or under (iii) as the making of an application by him in civil proceedings instituted by the plaintiffs in Bow County

Accordingly, his Lordship would hold that unless and until Mr Ewing obtained the leave of the High Court, the Court of Appeal bad no jurisdiction to cause or allow his appeal to be set down or to adjudicate upon

Lord Justice Russell and Lord That decision was binding on Justice Leggatt agreed.

Identification practicalities

Regina v Penny Before Lord Justice Stuart Smith, Mr Justice Waterhouse and Mr Justice Morland

[Judgment October 14]

Where a suspect, who had been released on bail after agreeing that be would be willing to stand on an identification parade, returned to the police station for that purpose but the police officer in charge of the investiga-tion decided that it was not practicable to bold the parade because insufficient volunteers could be found, it did not follow that it was improciable to that it was impracticable to obtain volunteers on another day; nor did the agreement of the suspect to take part in a group identification necessarily mean that be accepted that it

If objection was to be taken to the admissibility of identification evidence on the ground that an identification parade was practicable or was not impracticable, the defence should require the atteodance of the officer whose decision it was so that he could be cross-examined

and his opinion tested. The Court of Appeal so stated

Penny against his conviction on February 26, 1990 at Guildford Crown Court, before Judge Slot and a jury, of robbery, on which be was sentenced to 21 months imprisonment

signed by the Registrar of Crim-inal Appeals, for the appellant, Mr Lawrence Marshall for the

LORD JUSTICE STUART SMITH, giving the judgment of the court, said that it was submitted to the trial judge that in the exercise of his discretion under section 78 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Ac 1984 the admission of identification evidence in this case should be excluded. The judge rejected the submission.

Even if there had been a breach of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1934 (s.66)
Codes of Practice, it had to be shown that the judge was wholly wrong in exercising his discretion to admit the evidence before the appeal could succeed. The judge was perfectly entitled in the circumstances to reach

Solicitors: CPS, Guildford.

take the title in the under-78 gold to take second place in the after the European champion-category. Apsey, Lewis and under-86kg group. Ken ships, nine nations competed Powell all won silver.

Establishing right of action

Scots Law Report October 17 1991

Mull Shellifish Ltd v Golden that the defenders farmed Rankine on Leases (3rd edition, Sea Produce Ltd salmon at a site in the same sea ppl, 709). It was unnecessary for Before the Lord Justice-Clerk (Lord Ross), Lord Murray and Lord Grieve

[Judgment August 2] A tenant of an area of seabed under a lease granted by the Crown for the sole purpose of

Crown for the sole purpose of cultivating mussels by suspending ropes in the water on which free floating mussel larvae would settle and grow had a sufficient proprietary right to constitute title and interest to sue for nuisance where the larvae were poisoned by chemicals released into the sea, not-withstanding the fact that at the time when the larvae were damaged they were floating freely in the sea and accordingly the tenant had on proprietary the tenant had on proprietary right in them.

The Second Division of the Inner House of the Court of Session so held, refusing an appeal by Golden Sea Produce Ltd against an interlocutor of the sheriff at Oban allowing proof before answer in an action of damages brought by Muli Shellfish Ltd.

Mr Stephen Woolman for the pursuers and respondents, Mr Richard Keen for the defenders and appellants,

LORD MURRAY, delivering the opinion of the Court, said

loch as the pursuers mussel farm. The defenders had used an anti-fouling agent known as "TB1" to protect their nets between 1984 and 1987, when it had been banned.

By so doing, it was said that they had damaged mussel larvae floating freely in the sea. As a result, the pursuers said that they had suffered a decline in cultivated mussel numbers and

pursuers did not and could not aver that they had any right of property in the free floating larvae when they were damaged, although the defenders had conceded that once the larvae attached themselves to the pursuers' ropes in order to grow, the pursuers could then be said to have acquired proprietary

Rankine on Leases (3rd edition, pp1, 709). It was unnecessary for title to sue to have any form of ownership of the larvae; it was sufficient that they had legal rights dependent upon them so that injury flowed from damage to them. It was implicit in the defend-

ers' arguments that the Crown as proprietors of the mussel scaips, and probably of the right to take mussels from the sea, would have title and interest to sue in such circumstances. The The defenders argued that the sursuers did not and could not amount of his interest in the The question was whether the necessary title and interest had been conveyed from the Crown. Given that proprietary rights in mustel scalps could be a seed as mussel scalps could be rendered muster scarps could be rendered nugatory by the poisoning of free floating larvae in the surrounding sea, so a tenant's admittedly restricted right to

without such a proprietary right there was no legal basis for a claim to damages: Nacap v Moffat Plant, (1987 SLT 221). Larvae were free floating and free for all to take: Duchess of Sutherland v Watson, ((1868) 6 M 199).

The pursuers argued that a temant who suffered substantial impairment of the value of his lease from the actings of a neighbouring proprietor was enson, WS, for Kidstons & Co, neighbouring proprietor was en-Glasgow, McClure Naismith titled to protect his interest: Anderson & Gardiner.

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In-form Selkirk to extend winning run

SELKIRK warms up for a crack at the Breeders' Cup Mile in the United States early next month by contesting the group two Challenge Stakes over seven furlongs at New- Handicap over today's course market today.

In going nap on lan Balding's recent winner of the the corresponding meeting Selling Stakes. Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at last year when he ran Gen-Ascot, I am acutely aware of crous to three-quarters of a and Hamilton Park, this Will the fact that he has never length in the Dewhurst Stakes. Pearce-trained two-year-old raced over s distance as short a two-year-old.

strong for them judged on the excelled way that he has finished in his Volksra last two races.

that fast mare Annie Edge, he home and he has been backed should also have sufficient accordingly prior to winning speed to stay in contention both his races so far.
early on.
However, he still has a

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MICHAEL PHILLIPS

and distance.

as this, not even when he was Greenham Stakes at Newbury and the Kiveton Park Stakes Blue Tiger to suggest that he at Doncaster where Only can make the most of this However, with Mystiko and at Doncaster where Only Bog Trotter also in the field, Yours, La Grange Music and the race seems likely to be run Himiko were all behind. Howat a brisk pace from the ontset. ever, Bog Trotter ran badly at If that does turn out to be the Ascot last time on the same case, Selkirk should prove too afternoon that Selkirk

Volksraad, the Henry Cecil-Being by Sharpen Up out of worked like a good borse at Pursnit's promising debut be-

this as a mere pushover for he is to beat Selkirk, who has riding Llangelles (2.35) and Selkirk if he reproduces his looked a different horse since Perfolia (4.10). Ascot form, it is pertinent to he had an operation in midpoint out that Mystiko has run summer to remove a testicle finished at the end of ten his best races at Newmarket. that had been causing him a Those performances in- great deal of discomfort. Aptasic last time hinted cludes capturing the 2,000 Earlier in the programme, strongly that the longer dis-

going on the right way since her Leicester victory by winning the A R Dennis Bookmakers Nursery.

MANDARIN

GOING: GOOD

2.35 Liangolien. 3.05 Congress. 3.40 SELKURK (nap).

4.40 Fast Manouvre.

.4.10 PERFOLIA (nap).

THUNDERER

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.05 Congress. 3.40 Bog Trotter.

2.00 BUCKENHAM SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,205: 61) (27 runners)

2.00 Toshiba Comet Star. 2.00 Toshiba Comet Star. 3.05 Don't Leave Me.

4.10 SUPEROO (nap). 4.40 Fast Manouvre.

101 (3) 306500 DOLLAR WINE 6 (B.F.) (N Ahermad) R Hannon 92.

102 (16) 180000 ROLLAR WINE 6 (B.F.) (N Ahermad) R Hannon 92.

103 (22) 202216 STRANGE (NIGHT 30 (R.D.S.) (T Comors) Mrs. 1 Stubbs 92.

104 (24) 211340 TOSHBA COMET STAR 10 (F.S.) (T Reilly) W Peerce 82.

D Micholis 99

DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

BETTING: 5-1 Lady Linux, 0-1 Believe By Name, Toeribe Cornet Star, 7-1 Belic Los, 8-1 Lady Sebo, 10-1 Dollar Wine, Roly Walson, 11-1 Strange Knight, 12-1 See Prodigy, Aringey, 14-1 others.

1980: CASPIAN GREY 8-11 R Cochrane (2-1 tav) M Tompkins 18 ran FORM FOCUS

STRANGE KNIGHT best Kats Royals neck in 6-runner of Goodwood (6f. good to soft) sefer on perultimate start.

Goodwood (6f. good to soft) sefer on perultimate start.

TOSHSPA COMET STAR S 4th of 13 to Site Tiger in 15-runner Hernition (8f. frm) survey in September.

BAILEYS SY NAME 4kil Sh of 16 to Medina Wish in 16 to Prompting the start of the series with 15 to Committee start. SAFAN 514 Sh of 18 to Prompting in Wavekt (5f. good) runsery with ROLY WALLEYS SY NAME 4kil Sh of 16 to Medina Wish in 16 to Prompting in Wavekt (5f. good) runsery with ROLY WALLEYS SY NAME 4kil Sh of 16 to America Wish in 16 to Chris SEA PRODISTY 11 2nd of 1 to Chris Start of 11 at A Heydock (5f. good).

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Long Immunitary Country Avenue Fox.
BETTING: 7-1 Lift And Lood, 15-2 Commendable, 6-1 Kiveton Kabooz, Endoß, 9-1 Barrieh, 10-1 Secret Society, Al Matehm, 12-1 Liangolien, in Pursuit, 14-1 Masel Mars, Prince Hennibet, 16-1 others.

1990: ROLL, A DOLLAR 48-5 S Rouse (16-1) O Eleventh 14 min.

FORM FOCUS

2.35 GREENE KING HANDICAP (25,435: 1m 4f) (15 runners)

3.05 A R DENNIS BOOKMAKERS HURSERY HANDICAP

301 (12) 2321 KEEP IN MIND 25 FF (Lord Swayming) J Dunlop 6

THUNDERER 2.15 Major League. 2.45 Kameo Style.

3.20 Grey Rum. 3.50 Sillars Stalker.

Long handlese: Qualitair Avietor 7-6.

(2-Y-O: £12,817: 71) (18 runners)

MANDARIN

2.15 Volpedo.

2.45 Kameo Style.

3.50 Video Dealer

3.20 Preoblakensky.

2.35 Secret Society. 3.05 Misty View. 3.40 Selkirk.

RICHARD EVANS

4.10 LONG KNIVES

(nap)

Today's programme can begin with Toshiba Comet Bog Trotter also excelled at Star landing the Buckenham

After winning at Carlisle This season he has won the ran well enough in nurseries won by Walk In The Park and drop in class.

The other race for two-yearolds, the EBF Chesterton Maiden Stakes, can go to Fast Manouvre whose first run in the race won by Wessaam at the last meeting impressed me hind Modernise the follow

Otherwise it should pay to while some might regard considerable amount to find if apprentice Darryll Holland

The way that Llangollen furlongs in the race won by Guineas in the spring after Volksraad's younger half-sis- tance of the Greene King already winning the Free ter by Dancing Brave, Con- Handicap will prove ideal.

Rule amended on void races

By RICHARD EVANS

FOUR sensible reforms to young riders better opportunities. The upper age limit is to backers, owners and riders have been approved by the Jockey and the scale of allowances is Club. They will all become effective from January 1 pext

Races will no longer be debefore the advertised time. The rule covering void races, which prevented backers from collect-ing on "winning" bets, was introduced to prevent book-makers being subject to fraud. "Nowadays off-course bookmakers have access to many forms of effective communica-tion systems and the possibility of a total breakdown is ex-

tremely remote." The rules governing appren-

MANDARIN

Mars. 4.00 Pollock.

4.00 Ruling Dynasty.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

THUNDERER - . : ...

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(.30 Wolver Gold, 2.00 Perfect Stranger, 2.30

Paddy Tee. 3.00 Green Island. 3.30 Man From

1.30 Wolver Gold, 2.00 Perfect Stranger, 2.30

Tarmon, 3.00 Grey Tornado, 3.30 Construction.

1.30 DONYATT CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS

heing revised.

A 7lb allowance will be claimed until the apprentice has ridden 15 "open" winners (as opposed to ten); a 51b allowance until 50 winners (unaltered), and a 3lb allowance until 85

"open" winners (currently 75). The rules are also being relaxed on ex-professional jock-eys reverting to amateur status. At present no jockey who has held an apprentice or con-ditional jockey's licence for more than a year is eligible to hold an amateur rider's permit or ride in point-to-points.

The strict bar has prevented

tice jockeys are being made people who have often left the more flexible, which will give industry long ago due to lack of

increasing weight from riding in amateur races. The Jockey Chib has decided to allow apprentice and conditions jockeys to hold licences for up to 30 months and remain eligible for amateur status at a later date.

In an attempt to prevent races ending in walkovers or matches, the rules on re-opening of races are also being amended. In July the Jockey Club decided races could he re-opened to original entrants if only one horse was declared to run. In future a race can be re-opened if only two horses are declared.

If MPs and peers are being lobbled by the Racecourse Association about the inequities

COMMENDABLE 12ki 4th of 8 to Environment Friend in group 1 Wellam HR Dante States at York (Im 2) 116/d, good to 8rm) Pendicap on perutimate start.

In group 1 Wellam HR Dante States at York (Im 2) 116/d, good to 8rm) Pendicap on perutimate start with LIFT AND LOAD (1th bester off) 2 8th, BCRET SOCIETY 91 12th and BARRISH 16th Ascort (Im 4t, soft) handcap with BNDCLI (2b bester off) 116/d, SCRET SOCIETY (Sib belter off) 2 8th, BARRISH 11th and PRINCE HANNESAL, 14th. ALL AUTAHM 44th 3rd of 8 to 10 to courses are facing following the implementation of the safety at sports grounds legislation. 6 TARMON 16 (B) W Muir 109 M Floodges 184. A Tory 200 FOOLESH MASSOURFACE 7 (B) Fl Hodges 184. A Tory LATEN MASS 197 A Berrow 104. S Early 62 SCENTED GODDESS 7 J Moore 104. A Charlion

NOVICES HURDLE (£1,523: 2m 110yd) (13 runners) 1 90-6 COOMBE 8 L Weing 6-10-11 W Starry (7)
2 F-25 CAR BILLY BOY 2 ker J Wormscott 5-10-11 S Donothos
4 O-PONENTINO 187 T Thornson Jones 5-10-11 P Verifies
4 O-RONGWHEEL 164 ker J Wormscott 0-10-11 Lee O'Here
5 2-29 SHELLY'S FOLLY 18 kers G Jones 6-10-11 P Weind (5)
5 P-89 SIRDAY JM 29 H Webb 7-10-11 O Steends (6)
7 00P- COUNTY CONTRACTOR 187 C Pophem 4-10-10
M A Fötzperskil (£1,470: 3m) (6) 1 0-11 CONSTRUCTION 27 (F) D Winds 6-11-10, V Shatary (S)
2 4 SOMBER COMMAND 18 M Pps 7-10-12. J Lower
2 70-2 MAN FROM MARS 28 P Hosto 5-10-12. S Grand (7)
4 P-0 CUTE SICHANTRESS 7 O O'Nell 4-10-5. A Walds
5 000- FAMNY PRICE 143 Min A Right 4-10-5. B Upton
6 30-5 HOSTESS QUICKLY 21 O Carry 4-10-5. Lorna Visiond

MY HARRY BOY 471F WG M Turner 4-10-10. B Clittord G/ MASATS MAGIC 88SF P Medgelck 6-10-8 10 84- ALDWICK COLONNADE 293 M Uniter 4-10-5

N Thomas (5)

P. JUST JEAN 107F M Pips 4-10-5 M Foster

OLANGLANDS LADY 159 G Salding 4-10-5 R Farmer (5)

13 5-34 WOLVER GOLD 15 J Roberts 4-10-5 C Maude 2,240: 2m 3f) (11)

1 1/5 POLLOCK 75 (C.D.BF.F.G) M Ploe 5-120 P Scudemore
2 1112 RULING DYNASTY 17 (B.F.G.S) M Uniter 7-117

Gas Armylage
S McNett (£2,240: 2m 3f) (11)

2.00 ISEFLO IODINE CHALLENGE CUP NOVICES CHASE (£2,465: 3m) (10)

8 P-05 CHRISTMAS BASH 8 FI Frost 8-10-12 ______ J Frost 9 F00- BLAKELIN 182 N Twiston-Daviss 5-10-9 _____ S Cowley 10 00-F TAKE THE VEIL 8 N Gasalee 5-10-9 _____ A Adams 11-4 Perfect Stranger, 7-2 Deytrook Verb, 9-2 Flood Mark, 7-1 Christmas Besh, 8-1 Take The Vell, 10-1 Blakelin, 12-1 others.

2.30 WATCHET NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£1 523: 2m 110vd) (10)

6-4 Packly Tee, S-1 Scented Goddens, S-1 Footsh Manquerade, 6-1 Termon, 8-1 Grey Dancer, 10-1 Mystic Parather, 12-1 others. 3.00 LANSDOWNE CHEMICAL HANDICAP 1 404 GREY TORNADO 21 (CD.SF.F) C Poplem 10-12-0

CHASE (£2,704: 2m 110yd) (7)

2 4351 TELDEBO 8 (D.F.O.S) J Webber 7-11-10 (Pert)... M Lynch 3 211- EVENING RAIN 174 (CO.F.O.S) R Hodges 5-11-8 A Tory 4 4-UP LIAMS PROES 33 (D.S) S Maker 5-11-1....... M Parrett 5 1211 GREEN ISLAND 29 (D.F.) A Durn 5-11-0...... Perber Hobbs 6 3-12 MR SEAGULL, 15 (D.F.O.S) Mrs S Hembrow 13-10-11 7 2116 HIVA'S TOUCH S4 (F,G) Mrs A King 8-10-4 S Earls 3-1 Green Merid, 4-1 Mr Seegul, 6-1 Evening Rein, 11-2 Tildebo, Filva's Touch, 7-1 Grey Tomedo, 6-1 Liem's Pride.

3.30 TIVERTON NOVICES HURDLE

15-8 Construction, 9-4 Man From Mars, 7-2 Bomber Comment, 10-1 Hostess Quickly, 20-1 others.

4.00 RESORCINOL HANDICAP HURDLE

3-1 Politicis, 4-1 Ruling Dynasty, 9-2 The Magus, 0-1 Sand-Dollar, 8-1 Kino, 12-1 Maranda Special, 18-1 Trawithion, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINER: 8. Mellor, 4 winners from 11 numbrs, 35,4%; M Pipe, 46 from 160, 28,5%; D Sarons, 8 from 44, 16,2%; R Heider, 8 from 45, 17,4%; W O M Turner, 8 from 35, 15,3%; R Hodgias, 20 from 139, 14,4%; C Popham, 12 from 93, 12,5%. JOCKEYS: M Perrett, 8 winners from 21 rickes, 38.1%; P Scuciernore, 33 from 97, 34.0%; P Hobey, S from 27, 22.2%; S Burnough, 5 from 24, 20.8%; J Lower, 7 from 40, 17.5%; A Tory, 5 from 33, 15.2%.

Blinkered first time NEWMARKET: 2.00 Coller Wine. Strange Knight, Up Jenkins Casual Filing, Lizze Drippin. 3.05 Deja, Salt Whitele, Hewe Leyelan

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2.15 Pandessa. 2.45 Into The Glen. 3.15 Al Frolic. 3.45 Direct Interest. 4.15 Aston Again. 4.45 Peacework. THUNDERER

2.15 Pandessa. 2.45 Into The Gien. 3.15 Roosters Tipple. 3.45 Shoon Wind. 4.15 Aston Again. 4.45

GOING: FIRM (GOOD TO FIRM PLACES)

2.15 CHARTERED NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,305: 2m) (4 runners)

1 1 PANDESSA 17 (F) Mrs G Reveloy 4-11-10 P Niven
2 8-32 SPOOF 13 M Heammond 4-11-9 D Berdley (7)
3 0-56 The HEALY 30 (B) G Continuous 4-10-5 A Merrigan
4 06-5 ROWDY 13 R Bert 5-10-0 B Skorey 6-4 Punciesse, 7-4 Spool, 9-4 Rowdy, 6-1 The Heely.

2.45 ST GEORGE'S NOVICES CHASE

11-10 into The Glen. 5-2 Palanquan, 4-1 Just Maskeshider, 11-2 Just

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: G Moore, 29 winners from 97 numers, 33.3%; P Montetth, 10 from 45, 22.2%, M Hammond, 9 from 43, 20.9%; W A Stephenson, 39 from 188, 20.7%; Denys Smith, 8 from 35, 17.1%. JOCKEYS: J Corkell, 3 winners from 11 rides, 27.3%; M Deyer, 14 from 52, 22.5%, R Hodge, 4 from 18, 22.2%; P Niver, 17 from 105, 16.2%, J Calleghan, 5 from 35, 14.3%; A Merrigan, 5 from 43, 11.6%.

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3.15 TEAM VALLEY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (E1,610:

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1 P5-U SKOLERN 41 (V.D.F.63) A Herrison 7-11-10. J Calleghan
2 4-32 FACELITY LETTER 30 (CD.F) O Moore 4-11-4

3 -321 AL FROUC 73 (CD.F.(9) P Mortiellh 4-11-3. F Murrisgin
4 44-0 SHONK 52 (CD.F.) Herris 0-10-10. D Bertiley (5)
5 /0-8 FACELITY LETTER 30 MORTIE FROM 51 PT HE 10-10
8 0P0. COUGAR 145 Mrs 3 Austin 5-10-0. J Cortiest
7 98-3 GREENORE ROSE 15 H Whiting 5-10-0. C Dennits
8 0/P. CAPTAIN CUTE 259 FI Robinson 8-10-0. L Michigany
5-2 Facility Letter, 3-1 Al Frolic, 4-1 Stotlem, 8-1 Greenore Prose.

3.45 ENGLISH ESTATES HANDICAP CHASE

1 P13- SI-CON WIND 181 (C.F.Q.S) M Hammond 6-12-0 P Niven
2 /2P NI WITHERN MEADOW 12 (D.F) Nr 5 Chadwick 10-10-13
Mass J Thurbow
3 P-83 MAJIC FAIN 12 (CD,S) O Contaworth 6-10-3 A Hamilton
4 1322 DERECT INTEREST B (C.F.Q.S) Denys Smith 6-10-3 5 2-44 ROCKCLIFFE 52 (CO.F) T Cunningham 12-10-1 J Calleghan

7-4 Direct Interest, 5-2 Shoon Wind, \$-1 Majic Rain, 6-1 others. 4.15 EBF NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,731: 2m) (6)

1 PO-2 ASTON ASAIN 21 O Moore 5-11-0 M Dwyer 2 08-8 OLD MORTALITY 13 R Alan 5-11-0 S Storey 3 6 RED CARDINAL 19 W A Stephenson 5-11-0 A Lamseth (7) 4 380- THE YANK 306 (F) M Hammond 5-11-0 A Lantsch (7) 5 MOSS BEE W Resd 4-10-13 T Reed 8 50-0 PLATINUM REBEL 21 J Charton 4-10-13 J O'Gontram

2-1 Aston Again, 3-1 The Yank, 4-1 Red Certified, 6-1 Old Mortality.

4.45 METHVEN HOUSE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,430; 2m) (2)

1 F2-2 MIDLAND EXPRESS 22 (F.G.S) Dunya South 6-11-10 M Dayer
2 -121 PEACEWORK 13 (CD.F) Mrs G Revaley 7-11-1 P Novac 4.6 Micland Express, 11-16 Peacework.

4.25 Tug Of Gold. 4.55 Mp Ichi Do. 4.55 Emperors Warrior. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.45 PALM LAD. GOING: GOOD 2.15 GREENHILL CHEMICALS NOVICES HURDLE (\$1,873: 2m 4f) (16 numers) 3/0059- ALAN BALL 233 (GBBTS ATMAIN FEED PRODUCTS) MAIN 6 WHERT STOLE 22/0050-0, ARRAN WEW 12 (S LIEWMBYN) B LIEWMBYN 0-10-12. 02/1322- BUCKINGHAM GATE 197 (G) (T Whitley) D Gendolfo 0-10-12. CHERCY MASTER (S Gengler's) C Brood 7-10-12. FERRY MASTER (S Gengler's) C Brood 7-10-12. 0- GRAIN MERCHANT 355 (S Ellir) Mrs 6 Minne 5-10-12. _ D Byme

Long handcep: Moor Lodge 7-6.
BETTRMC: 11-2 Congress, 13-2 Con't Loave Ma, 7-1 Minty View, 5-1 Cirtistis; Wastlor, Nejeb, 9-1 Keep to Mind, 101 Pageboy, Hewa Leysens, 11-1 Well Appointed, 12-1 Daja, Pitrus, 16-1 others.

1990: DESERT SPLENDOUR 9-0 M Roberts (3-1 lav) C British 17 ran

O. GRAIN MERCHANT 355 (S. Eller) Mrs 6 Mirre 5-10-12.
4200/5 LUCKY SUCKET 12 (S) (A Urick) Grasme Ros 0-10-12.
860- MAJOR LEAGUE 224 (Dr O Morris) Miss M Kright 5-10-12.
845020- TRAIN ROSSER 158 (W. McKensis-Coles) W. McKensis-Coles 8-10-12.
0- MAN CHEANS 158 (F. Havercroft) J. Masside 4-10-11.
335- PARTIKIG HOUR 25T (K. Ribbers) B. Stanwood 4-10-11.
110421- TRAINSMIT 134 (F.S) (Mass N Taylor) M. O'Nell 4-10-11.
4350- TUFFNUT GEORGE 165 (D Love) J. Picksignig 4-10-11.
40-2 VOLPEON 12 (C. Beschical Controls LUR Mamming 4-10-11.
PO/PO/ CELTICKERRY 1030 (S. MecDonald) C. Broad 0-10-7.
PR- 5T MORWERM 210 (Ans. W. Russel) J. MacKie 5-10-7. W Marston (7) B Dowling D Dermis (7) 70
S Smith Eccles 97

BETTING: 7-2 Parting Hour, 9-2 Alan Ball, 11-2 Train Robber, 6-1 Transmit, 6-1 Buckingham Gate, 10-1 Volpado, 12-1 Arran View, 14-1 Charokse Dancer, 18-1 others. 1990: ROCKTOR 5-10-12 B Powel (11-8 lav) O Berone 16 nan

2.45 BRITISH COAL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,172: 2m 4f) (10 runners)

Long handicag: Soler Cloud 9-13, Karnec Style 8-12, Palm Lad 8-11, Contact Kelvin 9-9, Beet Thyme 9-8, Smooth Start 9-8. BETTING: 11-4 Klasams, 7-2 Kameo Style, 4-1 Pura Money, 8-1 Solar Cloud, 7-1 Contact Ketvin, 6-1 Smooth Start, 12-1 America Venture, 14-1 others, 1990: SUPER EXPRESS 8-10-3 R Greene (8-1) O Barons 6 ran

3.20 COMPUTER DISASTER RECOVERY NOVICES HURDLE (£1,793; 2m) (16 runners)

624-1 GREY ALAI 12 (CD.G) (T Reggert) R Lee 8-11-5 49/25 - ARDCRONEY CHIEF 248 (W Dore) O Gerdotio 5-10-12-9/4/50F - BRIGGECK LAD 205 (Mas J Smith) B Stevens 8-10-12-520 - CLASSIC SUITE 8SF (G Ferndori) R Woodhouse 5-10-12. J Shortt
B Powell
W McFerland 520- CLASSIC SUTTE 6SF (G Perrotor) R Woodhouse 5 10-12. G McCourt
402- DALINOU 159 (Alien Lamb/Ginny Long Racing Pic) S Christian 5-10-12. G McCourt
25) RED BREWSTER 728 (S Sheers) Mrs A Knight 5-10-12. G Knight
BOYAL ACCLAMA 20F (R Miser) J Bradiery 0-10-12. Mr R Farnard (7)
YEOMAN FORCE 27F (J Durksrton) J Bradiery 5-10-12. O Tegg
2007- BAERALD RULER 10F (R Notralls) F Jordan 4-10-11. J Lodder
MARJONS BOY S4F (J Harrison) M Bell 4-10-11. S Smith Ecolor | MARJONS BOY 34F (J. Plannson) M Bet 4-10-11 | S. Smith Ecoter |
6 MYVERYGCOPRIBED 15 (R Long) A Turnet 4-10-11	L. Hanney
2 0-3 PREOBLAKENSKY 21 (BF) (Torsyon Homes) G Richards 4-10-11	N Coughty
3 05- WALLISTRAND 325 (J. Upson) J. Upson 4-10-11	R Supplis
25/428-2 POP ABROAD 12 (BF) (A Estan) P Beven 8-10-7	T Wall
5 03 COLIEC RELIEF 12 (A Rescher) B Morgan 4-10-6	R Durawoody
6 YANKEE FLYER 61F (J. Pointson) Miles S Witton 4-10-6	R Durawoody

The Bishop, trained by John Gosden, is 14-1 favourite with the sponsors for the William Hill November Handicap at Doncaster next month. Gosden also first nine in the betting.

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4.25 CHASE WINDOWS HANDICAP CHASE (£3.557: 3m 2h (5 runners) BETTING: 64 Kilbenon, 94 Over The Deel, 7-2 Tug Of Gold, 9-2 Glass Mountain, 20-1 Rig Steel. 1990; TARTAN TEMPEST 7-10-2 L O'Hara (7-2) G Richards 8 mm

1990: OFF THE WALL 10-3 M Foster (11-8 fev) M Pige 14 ran

4.55 GRIMLEY JR EVE HANDICAP HURDLE (\$1,994: 3m) (15 runners) Long handicap: Blue Danube 9-7, Marie Baby 9-6, Max Clown 8-11.

SETTING: 11-4 For Heaven's Sake, 9-2 Stoney Creek, 11-2 Nuns, Jewel, 0-1 Yacht Club, 7-1 Mo Ichi Do, 8-1 Fingers Crossed, 10-1 Grayrose Double, 14-1 others. 1990: BRIGHT SAPPHIRE 4-10-2 D Tegg (13-2) O Burchell 16 ran COURSE SPECIALISTS

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Lucas to return

TERRY Lucas, the Australian jockey, has signed up for a third spell in Britain. Lucas, aged 41, has been promised rides by Yorkshire trainers Mick Easterby and Lynda Ramsden before the end of

Lucas has been out of action since January, when he injured a shoulder in Singapore, his base for several years. "My wife's family are in Ireland, and I like Britain, so I decided to give it a go again," he said yesterday. "If it goes well I hope to stay here pext season."

Lucas, with some 1,500 winners worldwide, registered around 100 winners in his two previous spells in Britain. Between 1979 and 1981 he rode principally for Easterby and in 1986 and 1987 for



Why Durham was an offer too good to refuse



play for Durham next no doubt sadly reflecting on the privileges he would forgo at the County Ground, Hove, in 1992. Then his face lit up. "Great, Dad, you can get Ian Botham's To young and old alike, the

hen I told my young son, Jamie, that I was going to

signing of England's great allrounder has put the newest and northernmost first-class county firmly on the cricketing map. No sooner was it rumoured that L too, was to join Durham, than people immediately started telling me how interesting it would be to play alongside "old Both".

I readily agree. It will certainly be an experience to be in the same side as him, but the reasons for emigrating to the far north next summer go beyond that. The advent of Durham represents the



one last cricketing adventure

Paul Parker, the former captain of Sussex, reveals why he signed up for

On the day Durham unveils its squad

for its first season as a first-class county.

most exciting and interesting challenge in county cricket. At the start of last season I was

contemplating my future in the game. Having been the elder statesman and proud captain of my county for the past three seasons, I was looking forward to furthering the frustratingly slow advance of Sussex into respectability over the coming two seasons. This would have coincided neatly with the termination of my playing contract. Perhaps then, at the age of 36, I would have reached the time to bow out graciously and seek what

most people outside cricket would term proper employment.
At no time had the thought of

changing county entered my head. In fact, I was looking forward to playing against Durham, especially on their home turf. After 16 years of first-class cricket, some of the drudgery of the travelling, especially the trek up the MI to the Midlands, was beginning to

however, has a romantic ring to it. Durham is built around a cathedral, and although Darlington does not sound so appealing

looking forward to playing at the new venues and against different

But the vagaries of professional sport do not allow such long-term

lanning. Towards the end of July, Alan Caffyn, the Sussex chairman, asked to see me. He informed me of the committee's decision to ask me to stand down as captain. This

Sussex did make me a generous offer to remain for the last year of my contract, but I was pleased to be given the freedom to move county or retire. Several counties had expressed interest in me, but the proposition from Durham Here was literally a once-in-a-

lifetime opportunity - the chance to join the first new first-class county since Glamorgan graduated in 1921. To a professional

career, rarely does a completely new challenge present itself. The location of County Durham, in a curious way, merely added to the

On the playing side, there is the very real and exciting possibility of success, especially in limited-overs matches. A batting line-up which includes Wayne Larkins, Dean Jones and Ian Botham is not short of match-winners and I am looking forward to running between the wickets with Jones.

If our bowling reserves seem thin, David Graveney will wel-come the opportunity to wheel away at one end. His role as captain will be crucial next soason. An amiable and able leader on the field, he will need all his experience and integrity to create the right blead from an unusual

Geoff Cook, Durham's director of cricket, has bought himself two

the potential of the county's own very talented young cricketers. It will be in this area, in particular, that the experience of the imported players can be put to effective use.

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I am acutely aware of the need to integrate and be accepted as soon as possible, and performance on the field will be the quickest way. Equally important will be the ability to recognise Durham's need to introduce its own cricketers quickly.

Moving counties will cause great disruption in my home, but professional cricket has ever been thus, an itinerant, enjoyable but precarious existence in which the family generally gets a raw deal. On purely selfish grounds, I am eagerly looking forward to next season — the beginning of the last, and perhaps the higgest, adven-

Spanish golfer chases a fifth World Match Play victory

Ballesteros has chance to set the record straight

By MITCHELL PLATTS GOLF CORRESPONDENT

SEVERIANO Ballesteros is well aware that a victory in the Toyota World Match Play Championship, which starts at Wentworth today, would en-able him to obliterate, once and for all, the bitter memories of the psychological pounding he endured in 1990.

Twelve months ago Bal-lesteros trudged off the West and 6 by Ronan Rafferty, It was only the second time in 15 the event that he had been defeated in the first round.

The reversal came at a critical time for Ballesteros. He had stumbled from one with only the Majorcan Open himself; he was brooding week later.

WENTWORTH WEST COURSE

Edwards proves the

dominant partner

0830 and 1300: T Purtzer (US) (8) v W Andrade (US). 0845 and 1315: F Couples (US) (5) v N Ozald (Japan). 0900 and 1330: M Calcavecchis (US) (6)

0830 and 1300: i Woosnam (Wales) (1) v Purtzer or Andrade. 0845 and 1315: S Bellesteros (Sp) (4) v

trophy as a tangible reward for about his swing. He cited lack his efforts.

the halfway cut in successive

Calcuvecchia or Montgomerie. 1915 and 1345: I Baker-Finch (Aus) (2) v

BETTING (Coral): 7-2: Woosnam. 4-1: Faldo, Ballesteros. 6-1: Couples, Beker-Finch. 14-1: Richardson. 18-1: Calcavechia, Montgomerie. 20-1: Price. 28-1: Purtzer. 40-1: Andrade. 125-1:

TELEVISION: Today: BBC2: 1415-1730 (news at 1500 and 1550). Tomorrow: BBC2: 1415-1730 (news at 1500 and

of desire as a contributing Furthermore, he had missed factor for his indifferent play. The Spaniard rekindled his major championships for the enthusiasm during the winter first time in his career. He break at his home in Pedreña. failed in the Open and then He won in Japan, then he took disappointment to another had rounds of 77 and 83 in the the Volvo PGA Champthat year and found himself US PGA Champiooship. ionship at Wentworth in May heading home for the winter Ballesteros was at war with and the Dunhill Masters a

CLUB HOUSE

No. 1 player in the 1991 order of merit, but it is a win in this championship on Sunday that plete his rehabilitation.

Ballesteros, however, does have an ambivalent relationship with this event. He won the title four times in five years from 1981, but since then he has been frustrated in his attempt to equal Gary Player's record of five wins.

Indeed, Ballesteros has been well beaten in four of his last five attempts. His title defence in 1986 was brought to an abrupt end when Rodger Davis crushed him 7 and 6, Two years later, Sandy Lyle beat him by a similar margin.

In 1989, Ballesteros put out Chip Beck 9 and 8, and the American eloquently des-cribed himself as having been "tested in the crucible of humiliation". A day later it was Ballesteros's turn; he lost 6 and 5 to Nick Faldo.

Ballesteros is one of the four Finch, the Open champion, Ian Woosnam, the Masters champion, and Faldo, who do not play until tomorrow. That is a blessing for him. "Twe got flu and a bad back," he said. "I've been on antibiotics for five days for a throat infection, and I've had two antiinflammatory injections in the

base of my back." The first-round interest today will centre on Colin Montgomerie and Steve Richardson, who play Mark Calcavecchia and Nick Price, respectively, while Balles-teros's opponent will be the winner of the match between Fred Couples and Joe Ozaki. Tom Partzer and Billy Andrade meet for the right to

take on Woosnam, the defend-

Spaniard stands by to upset Davies

By PATRICIA DAVIES LAURA Davies should be the

SPENCER Edwards, an enter-prising young player from Kings 33, three under par, but there-33, three under par, but there-after, according to Inglis, "it was favourite for the Woolmark matchplay championship at Carimate, north of Milan, start-They failed to survive twice. At the 10th Burch missed the and ignoring history to nomi-At the 10th suren missed the fairway and Inglis a three-foot putt after a fine bunker shot. At the 14th Inglis missed the fairway and Burch erred on the nate her as the winner.
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LEADNG FRST-ROUND SCORES: 88: M Dealey (Mestock) and S Edwards (Kings Norton). 69: S Settendge (Restort) and C Jepson (Nottingham City): B Dusber (Easter Moltar) and A McDoelery (Alectho). 70: O Scholes and M Gray (Stand). 71: N Burch (mettached) and M inglis (Kentiner): J Fitzpatrick and J Rodger (Chesiengton): A Limb (Phoesins) and M Higgistoctions (Hellerison and A Pictoriard (Rosen-Wye): D Regen (West Byllest) and M Parker (Shooters Hill): P Herrison and D Poole (unatteched): S Sherrist and C Harrison (Scraperit): M Heggie and P Durin (Hellerison): L Turner (Horsforth) and A Davies (Old Padesenood). as possible of woods and

rarely progresses as far as she

cause a not entirely unexpected Daie Reid, the second seed. who was beaten in the final by ing today, but it is tempting fate and ignoring history to nomi-also faces a tough battle, against Jane Hill, of Zimbabwe, but it is the sort of match the Scot

If she has the time, perhaps she can do some lobbying on behalf of the Weetahix women's so much excess baggage.

Last year, when Davies date from early August to reached the third round, only to be beaten by Alison Nicholas, before the Solheim Cup (the women's equivalent of the Ryform of the game at which she der Cup), in an effort to persuade the United States team should. Maria Navarro, Davies's Spanish opponent in the
first round, will fancy herself to



Ten out of ten: Underwood, the England wing, goes through the paces at a training session near Paris yesterday

From BRYAN STILES

IN DUBLIN

MICHAEL Lycagh, the golf-playing Australian stand-off half, has developed the rugby

the reserve kicker, that he would

hand the ball to him if he was off

target with his first kick in the second half. It sailed over, and

Lynagh did not miss again, but he left the field a worried man.

Hourquet opts:to withdraw

RENÉ Hourquet, France's leading referee, has withdrawn from the list of 12 officials invited to handle the knockout stages of the World Cap in what amounts, I understand, to a gesture of sympathy with his

omitted colleague, Patrick Robin (David Hands writes). Robin was one of only two referres from the seven senior rugby-playing countries not to advance to the later stages of the tournament. The other was Les Peard, of Wales; ironically Peard now comes into the final 12 justead of Housquet.

The official bulletin from the World Cup organisers explained the change by saying that Hourquet, whose international career began in 1983, was unable to fulfil his commitments to the

However, it appears that French administrators were not happy, when the appointments were decided on Tuesday, that Robin had been excluded and Hourquet's withdrawal is the

Robin handled only one Robin handled only one World Cup match, that between Wales and Western Samoa, in which a try was awarded in controversial circumstances to the Samoan centre, To'o Vaega—a match that the Samoans went oo to win 16-13.

The kicking yips has struck before. When Australia and Ireland met in a schools' match in 1982, the Wallabies scored six

Competition results

MRS JEAN Hudson has woo bottle of Famous Grouse, are: bottle of Famous Grouse, are:

Mr. R. J. Romayne, of Bury Lane,
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St Stephen's Avenue, Ashstead, Surrey; Mr.
Mille Gibert, of Patlett Grove, Wood Green,
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Rugby; Mr. M. J. Evens, of Valle Avenue,
Shefflett; L. P. Graham, of Stemford Brook
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Grove Road, Windeor, Berkshitze, Mr Hugh
Ryan, of Lancaster Park, Richmand, Surrey;
Mr Peter Stattery, of Old Ide Lane, Eveler, Mr
David Ball, of Cheastington Road, Ewell
Village, Surrey,
ANSWERS: 1, Eden Park, Aucklend; 2,
Japan and Western Samoa; 3, Wille
Otshengaus; 4, Roy Underwood; 5, Quality. wo tickets for the Rugby World Cop final as the first prize in the competition in The Times on October 5. Mrs Hudson, of Roman Way, Wantage, Oxfordshire, and a friend will be the guests of the Famous Grouse Scotch whisky, one of the tournament's sponsors, at the final and for hospitality before and after the match. The ten runners-up, who each receive a

banish the dreaded yips

Lynagh seeks rest cure to

equivalent of the yips. His putting touch has remained intact on Ireland's tricky greens but, when he lines up the oval ball for a kick at goal, his RUGB thought processes are in a whirl. WORLD CUP He may be the second-highest scorer in the tournament, with 39 points, but he has been off In the Australian grand slam target with kicks he thought should have been a piece of cake. He has decided he needs a

1984, Lynagh lost his confidence again and Roger Gould was brought in to kick in the match against Wales. The break rest cure and has studiously avoided kicking practice at all of Australia's training sessions since arriving in Ireland on Monday for their World Cup did the trick and, in the next match against Scotland, Lynagh raked in 21 points. If he wakes up in his Dublin hotel this morning and decides it is time to get back to work, the quarter-final against Ireland on Sunday. After missing six kicks in the 38-3 win over Wales on Sat-urday, he told Marty Roebuck,

quest a kicking session for him at Lansdowne Road today. However, there is talk he might not want to have a few "sighters" until as late as Saturday. Bob Dwyer, the Australian coach, entered the debate on the

coach, entered the actous on me comproversial high tackle-cum-punch by Finlay Calder, the Scottish flanker, on Jim Staples, the Ireland full back, last

Scotland team to play in the quarter-final against Western Samos even though Keenan, the Western Samoan who was sent off for punching an Argentinian, was barred from playing.

"Maybe the sending-off was necessary, but it did not seem a big deal to me," Dwyer said. "The referee was the only one who could judge that, though I thought it was pretty tough to suspend one player for the most important game of his life and make an innocuous statement about leaving the treatment of the other player to his home union. It seemed nonsensical."

Dwyer is still not totally happy with his team's form, despite their record win over Wales. "We're not running the ball well in the first phase," he said. "But we will, even though I'm not sure when."

The Irish have returned to their Dublin country home base after their away-from-it-all break in Kerry and are likely to announce their team today.

Ralph Keyes, the stand-off. half and leading points scorer in the World Cup, is under treatment for an ankle injury, bur-

Welsh pull through

TWO tries in the closing ten minutes allowed Wales Under- Jenkins levelled the scores with Rodney Parade, Newport last

Luc Evans opened the scoring for Wales with a try, converted by Jenkins, after ten minutes. Midway through the first half, however, the Irish took the lead with a goal and penalty goal

21s to hold on to a ten-match a penalty goal early in the unbeaten run when they beat second half before Ireland reIreland Under-21s, 22-15, at stored their lead through stored their lead through a A Jenkins penalty and tries for Williams and Howley sealed victory for Wales.

SCORERS: Wales Under 21: Tries: I. Evens, 5 Willerse, R Howley. Coversions: N Jerkins (2). Pareities N Jerkins (2). Pareities N Jerkins (2). Pareities N Jerkins (3). Woods (3). Pareities N Woods (3). Pareities N Woods (3). Pareities N Woods (3). Pareities N Woods (3). Pareity N Woods

THE *** TIMES SPORTS SERVICE

Norton, joined forces with the more experienced Mike Deeley.

the first day of the Golf Pius

PGA fourball championship at

East Sussex National yesterday.
In spite of high winds and incessant rain they achieved a round of 68, four under par.

Stuart Betteridge and Cyril Jep-son, from Nottinghamshire, and

a Scottish pair, Brian Dunbar and Alan McCloskey, are a

Edwards, aged 22, led the way

Decley, having missed the

170-yard 3rd with a three-iron,

redeemed himself with a chip-in

from 20 feet. The rest of the

round belonged to Edwards. The holders, Nigel Burch and

with four of his side's five

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SNOOKER

Hallett finds his feet

MIKE Hallett, who has learned total, Hallett still heads the to his cost this season that money list with almost £90,000 success in invitation tournaments does not necessarily translate into world ranking Humo Belgian Masters. points, took the first step oo the road to recovery by reaching the fifth round of the Rothmans

green with a third putt.

Theatre, Reading yesterday (Philip Yates writes). Hallett, the world No. 8, beat Darren Morgan, the Welsh champion, 5-2 to end one of the most barren spells of his career during which he has failed to

qualify for the concluding stages

of five major events and col-

lected only one ranking point.

Despite the paltry points round.

following lucrative wins in the Regal Scottish Masters and After beating Morgan, his 5-3 conqueror at the corresponding

stage of the Dubai Classic last grand prix at the Hexagon month, Hallett, aged 32, from Theatre, Reading, yesterday Grimsby, said: "Forget the finals, that was my most im-portant match this sesson. I needed to put in a good performance just to prove to myself? could still do it out there." Steve Davies, the second seed, will face Jim Chambers,

Peter Francisco, 5-0, in the fifth

Sharjah trophy begins World Cup build-up By SIMON WILDE

AN ERA that will, it is hoped, return cricket to its once-high standards of discipline begins in Sharjah today with the first international match played since the game's new code of conduct came into force on October 1.

Pakistan and West Indies, who meet in the first match of the Wills Trophy, will not, however, be under the supervision of an International Cricket Council (ICC) match referee. At this early stage, ICC match referees will supervise

one-day internationals only few opportunities to see the at least allow them to conmatch tour.

dance, bad behaviour in a Test or one-day international may be punished by suspension for up to three matches, or a fine of up to 75 per cent of a player's match fee. The referee will also be ready to penalise any team failing to deliver 15 overs an hour. Bowlers, meanwhile, will have to beware infringing the new regulations on intimidation, which limit them to one officiate in New Zealand.

bouncer per baisman per over.

when they are part of a Test code applied in Test matches, of which there are only 12 coufirmed for a winter dominated by the World Cup in Australasia. India play five Tests in Australia, Sri Lanka four in Pakistan, and England three in New Zealand. Two former England captains, Mike Smith and Peter May, will referee the Tests

in Australia; a third, Donald

Carr, will be oo duty io Pakistan; and Peter Burge, the former Australia batsman, will

centrate on retaining the World Cup they last won io 1979. Today, they will be under a new leader, Richie Richardson, and without four senior players: Richards and Greenidge (both omitted), and Haynes and Marshall (unavailable).

While the number of Tests being played is the smallest for 18 years, the tally of one-day internationals will reach 70 for the first ome, even if South Africa do not compete in the World Cup.

ouncer per batsman per over. Extraordinarily. West Indies Those definitely taking part in Unfortunately, there will be do oot play any Tests, which will the World Cup will be better

prepared for the tournament than ever. Between now and the opening World Cup metch on : February 22 there is a bumperto-bumper coovey of limitedovers events designed to get all the protagonists into shape.

the protagonists into shape.

FIXTURES: Sharjah findia, Pakistan and West Indias): Oct 17-25 (7 one-day internationals). India v Pakistant Oct 27-Nor 8 (5 one-days). Bangladeath (Bangladeath, St. Lanka and West Indias): Into October (3 one-days). Pakistant v West Indias: Nov 17-25 (3 one-days). Pakistant v West Indias: Nov 17-25 (3 one-days). Pakistant v West Indias: Nov 17-25 (3 one-days). World Series. Cap (Australia, India and West Indias): Dat Guardeath (1 one-days). World Series (Cap (Australia, India and West Indias): Dat 6-Jan 22 (14 or 15 one-days). New Zasiand v Zimbabwes Feb 17 (1 one-days). World Cup: Feb 22-May 28 (31 one-days, or 39 if South Africa compets).

Penalty by Hagi damages Scots' hopes of qualifying

IN BUCHAREST

SCOTLAND'S unheaten progress through group two came to a halt here last night when a handling offence by Gordon Durie led to Romania being awarded a penalty kick which was converted, inevitably, by Hagi to give his side two precions European championship qualifying

The arithmetic of the group now offers Romania a chance of reaching the finals, although they must first beat Switzerland in Bucharest next month and then win their final fixture, against Bulgaria. Meanwhile, Scotland must win their final meeting, against San Marino in Glasgow, and hope that the other permutations work in their

The chief conundrum for the Scots last night was how sequent pass, the Romanian Hagi might be contained dur- goal would have been exing his ceaseless meanderings across the field. The answer, immediately evident, was that McCall would be in close edge of the area for a first-time attendance. Nevertheless, the hook-shot which was grasped Romanian playmaker was on the line by Lung, ahle to display his uncanny Such efforts offered Scotable to display his uncanny Such efforts offered Scot-ability to drift into vacant land encouragement during areas and orchestrate menace. the interval, although some-He was indisputably the prin- thing more in the nature of cipal threat to the Scots, who were fortunate not to concede

forward, from the Berlin club,

Bergmann Bosnig, Breitkreutz, aged 20, and Beinbich, aged 19,

impressed Ron Atkinson, the Villa manager, during a reserve match for the first division club

Bayern Munich had also

Ireland international, joins Sunderland from Brighton to-

day for £225,000. The former

Havre 14 months ago for £125,000. He flies straight to Newcastle today from Poland

where he was one of Jack

Keith Jones, the Brentford

midfield player, was yesterday

valued at £175,000 by a transfer

Charlton's squad in Poznan.

third division club.

Hagi, of course, prompted the incident by nursing a pass from Lacatus until Raducioiu moved into the penalty area. Hagi threaded the ball ahead of the forward, catching McKimmie off balance by the delicacy of the move and when the Scot intervened, he seemed to trip Raducioin. However, the German referee, who was well-placed, waved play on, to the disgust of the home crowd.

That aside, though, Scotland looked relatively com-fortable and showed themselves capable of rendering Romania vulnerable at the back, where there were clear indications that the home players could be perplexed in

Strachan got himself clear on the right to hoist a cross towards Durie which was well short of its mark, but which Sandoi, with no danger threatening, headed straight back to Had McClair been able to

control his captain's subposed, as it was, when Strachan next intervened, this time to free Boyd on the left

they were to take full reward

Villa outwit Bayern and

sign up two Germans

ASTON Villa have signed club is oow waiting oo advice authorities here on Monday. It Matthias Breitkreutz, a midfield from its bank before going was decided to isolate

☐ Bobby Saxton has been appointed chief scout at Manchester City. He succeeds Ken Barnes, who will continue at Maine Road in a part-time

capacity. Saxton is a former

manager of Blackburn Rovers.

Wednesday during the first leg

of their European Cup Winners

stadium here on Tuesday night

when Arietico played Barcelona, losing 1-0 in the first leg of the Spanish Super Cup. Up to 3,000 English support-

Representatives of both clubs, British consular nfficials, Ivor

ahead with the move.

United supporters

shown a keen interest in signing have beld a full-scale dress

the players.

I John Byrne, Republic of sures to contain Manchester

Ynrk City and Queens Park
Rangers forward, aged 30, was
bought by Brighton from Le
practice at the Vicente Calderon

C) Terry Cooper, the Birers are expected, and the Spanningham City manager and iards are leaving nothing to former England and Leeds chance with about 1,500 police

United defender, has signed a will on duty inside and outside new three-year contract with the

however, came with 15 minutes remaining and it began ironically with the Scots' best move of the contest. Strachan freed the tireless Durie on the right; he sent a tantalising cross towards Gallacher, who had replaced Boyd a few minutes earlier. The Coventry City forward met it on the drop but watched in anguish as his looping drive spun beyond the goalkeeper but a fraction past the far post.

Immediately, play swung to the far end, where Lacatus slipped as he went for the ball. There was no foul and the adjacent linesman signalled none but the referee signalled a free kick. When Hagi played it to the back post, Durie, who had dropped back to cover, raised his right hand and made contact with the ball. The referee had no doubt about the penalty kick, which was struck by Hagi low to Goram's left. The goalkeeper read the effort but the force of the kick carried the ball just beyond his outstretched

fences in the north stand and to

establish a "no-man's land" of

them. Alcohol will be banned around the stadium and metal

detectors set up for the English, who will be "herded" by police to and from the Madrid Barajas

airport. The authorities are more concerned about the

behaviour of fans arriving in

steam. (AFP)

[] Speculation is growing in

Germany that Franz Becken-

bauer is about to try to rescue

his old club Bayern Munich

is willing to do the job. Also lobbying for the return of "the

Kaiser" return is Ulrich Honess,

a Bayern director, who wants him to team up with two other

former stars, Karl-Heinz

BOXING



It takes two to tossle: Galloway, left, of Scotland, duels with danger man, Hagi

Northern Ireland adapt the better to the conditions

Northern Ireland......

By IAN ROSS 1...

the extreme to suggest that the Northern Ireland national team has finally entered a long-overdue period of renaissance, the signs are at least

While hardly n pure footballing terms, last night's victory over an admit-tedly dispirited Austria at Windsor Park, Belfast, at least ensures that the Irish will finish in third place in group four, a positinn of from its disastrous start to the season. Beckenbauer, presently the technical director with the some respectability which was inconceivable six months ago.

Islands in Sweden last month. However, Northern Ireland The pre-match asserting of football has benefited from a French champions, Marseilles, is being tipped for a similar post at Bayern who are languishing at the wrong end of the Bundesliga.

Beckenbauer has indicated he

Billy Bingham, the Irish man- good deal more padence in ager, that Austria would be content to defend as they sought to arrest a worrying slide in fortune was swiftly exposed as little mure than wishful

It became clear that the Irish would be denied room in midfield in which to construct the sort of moves which had proved so decisive against the Facroe CTOSS.

RESULTS: Feorce telends 1, Austria 0; Northern Ireland 0, Yugoslavia 2; Northern Ireland 1, Donmark 1; Yugoslavia 4, Austria 1; Denmark 4, Faerce Islands 1; Austria 0, Northern Ireland 0; Denmark 0, Yugoslavia 2; Austria 1; Paeroo memos v., vorusom seem v. 5; Fearoe islande 0, Donmark 4; Austria 0, Donmark 3; Northern Intend 2, Austria 1; Fearoe islands 0, Yugoslavia 2; FDCTURES: November 13; Denmark v Northam Ireland; Austria v Yugoslavia.

However, Northern Ireland's recent months, and the reward far some pleasing approach play came in the eighteenth minute, when Dowie rose smartly to head in Black's free kick for his

first international goal. The goal served in puncture and a defence which looked ill at ease whenever the ball was dispatched into the penalty area

Black steered in a Dennison

Austria surprisingly brought themselves back into contention when Lainer swept home a clean shot only ten seconds before the interval

The earne had begun in strong the conditions began to deteri-orate further, Nurthern Ireland's ability to modify their more rudimentary nature bad a telling effect, even if certain individuals often declined the Opportunity 10 shnni when handsomely placed.

handsomely placed.

NORTHERN IRELAND: T Wright (Now-castie United); C HBI (Sheffield United), N Worthington (Sheffield Wednesdey), M Donasthy (Manchester United), G Teggart (Barneloy), J Megition (Codord United), R Dernison (Wolverhampton Wandsrors), I Dowle (Southampton), C Clarke (Portmouth: aub: O Wilson, Sheffield Wednesday), K Wilson (Chelsea), K Black (Nottingham Forest).

AUSTRIA: W Kneller (Admira Wacker); L Lahor (Casino Satzburg), L Rotter (St. Polton), J Hartmann (Swaovaki Fro), W Kogler (Sturm Grez), M Zsak (Austra Memphia), A Ogris (Austra Memphia), A Ogris (Austra Memphia), P Artner (Admira Wacker), C Keglevits (Casino Setzburg, sub: A Herzog, Rapad Vienna), P Stoger (Austra Memphia): Sub: C Westerthalor, Swarovaki Tirol), H Geger (Rapid Vienna).

United 2 surprises of east value of the FA CUP: Third qualifying round, replays: Negherlaid 0, Gathesheed 3; Lincoln 3, Frickley 2; Technology and Mischiern 2, Kingstonian 3; Majden-

Todard and Macham 2: Vingentiers 3: Majori-head (), Horsham 1.

GM VAUXCHALL CONFERENCE: Bob Lord Trophy: Second reunit Merthyr 1, Wycombe 3: Runcom 2, Witton 2 (set)

HFS LOANB LEAGUE: Premier division: Buston 3, Leak 0, Gamborough 0, Mattlock 1.
Goole 0, Hydo 1: Marine 2, Mossley 1; Morecanbo 0, Southport 1; Sulphridge 1, Bengor City 1: Whittey Bay 2, Accrington Stanley 2 First division: Caernarion Town 0, Warnington 1, Eastwood Town 1, Ferniery Celtic 2, Newtown 1, Winstord 3; Rhyl 1, Irlan 0

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern di-

Whenham 1. Mansfield D JENSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premiler division: Clacton 2, Halated 4, Garleston 2, Watton 2, Harwich and Parkeston 1.

Gerieston Z, Watton Z, Harwich and Parheston 1, Brightingses 1.

NORTH-ERN LEAGUE: First chilsion: Gretna 4, Whichten C, Northallerton 4, Blythe Spartnars 1 SPANSH SUPER CUP: First leg: Bercelors 1, Allético Madrid 0,

SWISS LEAGUE: Servette Geneva 2, Grass-hoppers Zurich 1, St Gellen 2, Lucerne 1; Zurich 4, Son 2: Lugarro 0, Lauserne 2, Anntu 1, Young Boys Berra 4, Neuchatel Almax 2, Wettingen 1.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Cafferky under-18 Cup: Botton 3, Saftor 2, Helson 0 determational trial metals: Yorkshire 1, North of

HOCKEY

CRYSTAL PALACE INDOOR LEAGUE: Ok Loughtenians 15, Suraton 6, Beckenham 4 Puriey 8, Old Bordenians 3, Old Willemsonian

ICE HOCKEY

Congress puts Sydney on fast track for 2000

From DAVID MILLER IN SYDNEY

IF THE benefit of the compeditors was the first consideration, then oeither Athens oor Atlanta should have been awarded the centenary Olympic Games of 1996, but Melbourne. Sydney will be an even better bid for 2000.

When the vnte is taken in 1993, the 90-odd members of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) will decide between Pekiog, Brasilia, Berlin, Manchester, Milan and Sydney. All the candidate cities, except Milan, are represented here this week, attending the annual congress of the General Assembly of International Sports Federations (GAISF) and getting the full impact of what must at present be the acknowledged favourite.

It may well be that the IOC executive board will

decide during the next year that international federations shall be included in the voting system, and on present evidence that might well favour the Australians.

Gloriously designed by nature, the appeal of Sydney instantly engulfs the visitor. the harbour, the bridge, the Opera House, the thrusting modern city, the beaches including Bondi. The hospitality of four million sports-mad Sydneysiders eliminates any conceivable doubt about local enthusiasm as rapidly as a lager or a Wolf Blass riesling moistens the tongue: even if restaurant last orders are nine o'clock. A couple of dozen IOC members are here acquiring the taste, The Manchester team is swallowing hard and trying to keep smiling.

The Sydney committee, personably led by Rod McGeoch — a lawyer who just happens to have his own vineyard - is hoping that they do oot peak too soon, as Toronto did when clear favourites for 1996 at the time of the IOC session in San Juan, Puerto Rico in

"This hid isn't about making mooey," McGeoch said. "It's ahout the relationship between sport and the people, between those people and the rest of the world. As far as I've seen the IOC up till oow, I do and the fundamentals of their charter." The charter talks about the duty to propagate the Olympic movement. Few do that more than Australians, one of only three nations to be present at every Olympic Games so far,

Supporting the philosophy, Sydney is offering a range of compact facilities that sets the pace for every ehallenger: ☐ A redevelopment of Homehush Bay, at the top

end of the harbour, where the Parramatta River flows

centre, that will accommodate 18 of the possible 28 sports, and an adjacent vil-lage for 15,000 competitors. ☐ Four-fifths of the sports venues will be completed by the time of the vote in Monte Carlo.

☐ A hand-in-glove partnership with the Australian Olympic Committee, which shares the same waterfront office building, and with the New South Wales state government, the three parties having a legal contract with the city council.

A federal government-

approved loan of £150 million now for development of

the project.

A New South Wales budget of Aus\$10 millioo (£4.7) million) for the hid campaign, with an ohligation for the committee to find half of that from the private sector.

The Manehester committee will no doubt be passing these figures to John Major when they have their second meeting with the British prime minister next month, testing the colour of his sports allegiance.

Some of the earliest mem-ories of Nick Greiner, the premier of New South Wales, are of his immigrant Hungarian father meeting former colleagues during the Melbourne Games of 1956. Greiner opened the GAJSF congress last night, and there is oo doubtiog the mutual benefit between Sydney's bid and the congress, which attracts an attendance of 350.

The harmony between Sydney's committee and John Coates, chairman of the Australian Olympic Committee - who with Phil Coles, the geoeral secretary and an IOC member, has been trying for teo years to bring the Games to Sydney - is a lesson to all bidding

"Sydney's strength is that what we say, we mean," McGeoch says, "and what the IOC see oow is the real as always, is being on the edge of the map, with only four Oceania votes to rely on: Anstralia two New Zealand and Western Samoa ooe each.

An intriguing possibility that would assist Sydney is the scheduled service hy 2000 of airbus transport travelling at supersonic speed which is being projected by Boeing. Television timings for the American market are better than at either Seoul or Barcelona. Sydney is going to be tough

FILDERSTADT, Germany: Women's tour-nament: First round: M Nervatione (US) bt M Babel (Gan, 84, 62, M J Fernandez (US) bt K Habeutone (Cc), 8-0, 5-4, J Novotne (Cc) bt K Ooljedeus (Gan, 6-3, 8-3, L Monthu (USST) bt R McCullian (Aus), 8-2, 7-5: H Sukova (Cc) bt W

VIENNA: Men's burnsmant: First round: A Jarryd (Swe) bt C Pistoles (t), 6-1, 5-2, J Hasek (Switz) bt C Caratt (t), 6-2, 6-2, C-J Steeb (Car) bt II Engel (Swe), 6-4, 6-3, J Frans (Ang) bt G Pipe; (Yug), 6-1, 6-1, P Baur (Ger) bt A Antonitach (Austria), 6-3, 6-3, A Knichaten (US) bt T Hogstedt (Swe), 6-3, 6-2, M Stich (Ger) bt L Lavelle (Mac), 6-3, 6-4, J Stamenthe, (Neth) bt P Votjinchek (Ger), 6-4, 6-3, P McErnoe (US) bt G Matter (SA), 7-5, 6-3, M Veyde (C2) bt L Jonsson (Swe), 1-6, 7-6, 6-4

FIXTURES

ENAUNCE: Commonweelth cruserweight champonathp Derek Angol (Camberwell) v Dave Russel (Australia) (Elephent and Castle LC). Light-middleweight: Tyrone Eestmord (Oldham) v Barry Messern (Not-lingham) (George Lawlon Hall, Mossley, six

GOLF: Toyota World Match Play Champ-

BOXING: Commonwe

IN BRIEF

Gallacher to assist

BERNARD Galincher, the Ryder Cup captain, will again assist Britain and Ireland's leading women amateur golfers in their build-up to the Curtis Cup match against America ni Hoylake, next June.

Hoytake, next June.

SCHAD: N Burdon (Woodware Hall), L Dermott (Royal Liverpool). F Edimond (Proton-on-Sea), E Farquitamon (Deside), J-Foster (Pontardawe), C Half (Faton), J Half (Faton), J Half (Faton), J Half (Woodbrook), C Lambert (String Univ.) O McCarthy (Woodenbridge), E R McCaid (Sichbanen), J Moodle (Windyhill), J Mortey (Sate), A Rose (String), V Thomas (Pennard), L Welfon (Calcot Park.) M Wright (Quarties and Co). (Pennard), L. Wetton (Calcot Park), M. Wright (Durities and Co). U. The 1992 Weetabix Wom-en's British Open Champ-ionship will be held at Woburn from September 24 to 27.

from September 24 to 27.
CRICKET: Sussex have con-

suxing: Nigel Bean has a change of opponent ni Breni-wood on October 26. Darin Matteoni, the Argentinian middleweight, is replaced by Lenzi Morgan, of Ohio.

EQUESTRIANISM: Fnur horses with necessary with the minister, which was ntended by six doctors, "A panel nf medical experts were extremely forthcoming with horses with necessary forces have year contract. BOXING: Nigel Benn has a

horses with proven form have been exempted from Badminton next spring by the threeday eveni selection committee: Jacana (Richard Walker), Get Smart (Karen Straker), Glenburnie and Murphy Him-

self (Ian Stark).
RUGBY LEAGUE: Peter Fox.
former Featherstone Rovers coach, has signed as team manager for Bradford Northern MOTOR RALLYING: Didier Auriol, of France, driving a United states, sailed through to Lancia Delta, only needs to the quarter-finals of the Omega avoid severe mechanical hitches in today's final eight special tests to win the San Remo rally for the second successive year.

CYCLING: lan Cammish, the CYCLING: Ian Cammish, the Raleigh professional, will attempt today to break the British straight-out records for 25 miles (1hr 37sec) and 50 miles (1hr 30min 14sec) on a course starting near Huntingdon.

Cycling: Ian Cammish, the Warden Owen and his crew of Owen had built up a ten-length advantage only to have the spinnaker with spinnaker with the spinn

Jolly, the Manchester police chief superintendent, and Leslie Walker, n Football Association Rummenigge and Paul Breitner. tribunal. Southend United originally offered £50,000 and the executive, met the Spanish

Safety measures proposed

By SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT SUGGESTIONS made by Peter

Hamlyn, the neuro-surgeon for St Bart's hospital who operated on Michael Watson, the Islington middleweight, last month, could be incorporated into the regulations of the British Boxing Board of Control, John Morris, the secretary of the board, said yesterday after n meeting with Robert Atkins, the minister for sport, in London. The meeting was called at Hamlyn's behest. Morris said Hamlyn's suggestions could make the board's existing guidelines into regulations and if accepted by the full board it could go down in the

book by next month. The suggestions will be examined by the board's medical panel on Wednesday when all the doctors from eight regions the West Indian allder, has accepted a twocontract.

Morris said about the meeting in
Morris said about the meeting

"He has accepted the invitation to come and explain his suggestions to the Board's doc-tors. They will be able to make recommendations to the Board who will then decide to make new regulations." The most important change is

likely to concern quick reaction once a boxer is seriously injured. ing safety and quick reaction al tournaments when boxers are injured." Hamiyn, who was accompa-

nied by a consultant anaesthetist and two neuro-surgeons, said that if he had appeared to some as a champion of boxing he was very happy if he could do something to make the sport safer. "I have never said boxing could be made safe, only that it could be made safer, "he said. "I am concerned with the manage-

aggestions which will be writ- ment of a boxer once he is ten down and placed before the injured. This is a multi-faceted Board's medical committee. problem that needs a lot of Peter Hamlyn will come to that dneturs in help make

Dr Adrian Whiteson, the senior medical nfficer of the Boxing Board, said: "Peter's input has been tremendous. I hope he will continue to do so. 11 is hoped that from this we will get a new format for medical safety in boxing. We are going to get correct guidelines from correct experts to be adopted by the Boxing Board." ☐ Derek Angol defends his

Commonwealth cruiserweight title at the Elephant and Castle Leisure Centre tonight. Angor's opponent is Dave Russell, of Australia, a scaled-down heavyweight. Angol's manager, Terry Lawless, says: "Derek is a quiet, respect when he makes it." That could happen next year when he wins the world cruiserweight

YACHTING

Warden Owen remains on course

From BARRY PICKTHALL IN BERMUDA

pan, and Peter Isler, of the United states, sailed through to Gold Cup match race championship here yesterday with 3-0 vietories nver unseeded

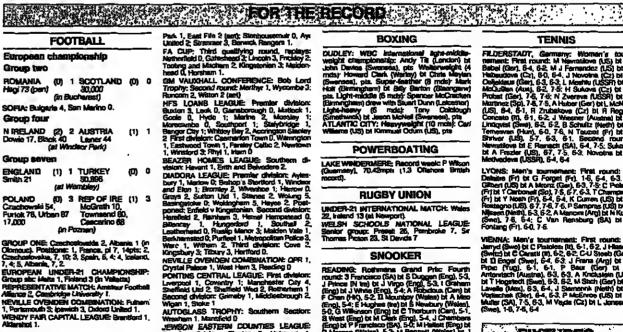
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Warden Owen and his crew of

ing British match racing skipper, the German to commit a port Chris Dickson, representing Ja- and starboard offence before the start of their first match, Warden Owen allowed Wieser to inocking nni Paul Cayard, of break his cover during the Italy, 3-1. second race and only recovered The second world championthe lead when the Germans were ships for the International forced to take another penalty. America's Cup class will be in

tn their final match, Warden

EDDIE Warden Owen, the lead- Markus Wieser. After forcing the water, they held on to win. Kevin Mahaney, the on-Kevin Manancy, use seeded American, scored the biggest upset of the day by

Sydney in January 1993. Dar-



ENGLAND (1) 1 TURKEY Smith 21 S0.896 (at Wembley) POLAND (0) 3 REP OF IRE (1) 3 Czachowski 54, McGrath 10, Townsend 60, 17,000 Cascarino 68 (in Poznen)

i, roremous 3; ipswich 3, Oxford United WENDY FAIR CAPITAL LEAGUE: Brent Aldershol 1. Tuesday's late results

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group two: Romania 1, Scotland 3 Group seven; Poland 2, Republic of Ireland 0, England 2, Turkey 0 BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Fourth division: North-amount Town 1. Chesterfield 1. Northwich v Galenheid.

8 AND II SCOTTISH CUP: Second round:
Clydebank 1, Rath Rover 1 (set; Rath won 43
on parel; Montroet 2, Azion 1 (set; Montroet 2, Azion 1)
Kentrock 1 (set; Partick Thielia 1, Hernston
Academical 2; Queen of South 3, Stirting Abiton 3
(set; Queen of South won 54 on paris), Cueen's



victory in Vienna

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Pensburgh Pen-gurs 7, New York Islanders 6 (OT), St Louis Blues 5, Toronto Mapte Leats 1: Denoil Red Winge 3, Edmonton Clars 1, Celgary Flames 6, Minntegia North Stars 3. MOTOR RALLYING

SAN REMC, Italy: Sen Romo Relly: Third stage: 1, 10 Aunol (Fr.), Lancia Delta, 4fr 39min 21 stc; 2, M Bission (fl.), Lancia Delta, at 2min 37 sc; 3, A Schwarz (Gel), Toyota Colica, 406, 4, 10 Cerrato (fl.), Lancia Delta, 828; 5, F Delecour Fri, Food Seins Cosworth, 924; 6, A Aghin (fl.), Lanca, 11,33; 7, P Listif (fl.), Lencia Delta, 1229; 3, 6 Sainz (So), Toyota Calica, 1235; 9, A Fonto (fl.), Ford Seins Cosworth, 1403; 10, M Wilson (GS), Ford Seins Cosworth, 1526 CARRO: Phymanus Rays: 1, A Vatangn (Fn.), CARRO: Phermon's Rath: 1, A Vationen (Fin),
Chicer: 2 & Walderpaird (Swe), Circer: 3, A
Ambrodisor (F), Chicen. Motorpleas: 1, II
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DUDLEY: WBC International light-middle-velight championship: Andy Til (London) bit John Device (Sveresch), for Welservelight (4 mds; Howard Clark (Werkey) bit Ctris Meyen (Swensea), pis. Super-feather (8 mds): Alark Holt (Birmangham) bit Bay Banton (Bianngarw) pis. Light-middle (6 mds): Spennor McCrasten (Birmangham) drew with Stuart Dunn (Lelection) Light-heavy (6 mds): Tony Colclough (Smeshwack) by Josen McHell (Swensea), pis ATLANTIC CITY: Heavyswelight (10 mds): Carl Williams (US) bit Kimmust Odum (US), pte

POWERBOATING

RUGBY UNION UNDER-21 INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Wales 22, Indiand 13 (at Newport).
WELSH SCHOOLS NATIONAL LEAGUE: Senior group: Preset 25, Pembroke 7, Sir Thomas Pictor 23, St Devids 7

READING: Rothmens Grand Price Fourth round: 3 Francisco (SA) bt 5 Duggen (Eng), 5-3, J Princes (N try) bt 3 Virgo (Eng), 5-3, 1 Ginham (Eng) bt 3 White (Eng), 5-4; A Robelcus (Carl) bt F Crean (H4), 5-2 Il Mountipy (Walles) bt A Med (Eng), 5-4; E Hughes (tre) bt 5 Rostwary (Walles), 5-0, G Willemann (Eng) bt 6 Trothum (Eng.), 5-1; A West (Eng) bt More (Eng) bt C Chambers (Eng) bt 7 Prancisco (SA), 5-0; M Hatlest (Eng) bt D Morgan (Walles), 5-2; M Bennett (Walles) bt J Berth (Eng) 5-4.

SQUASH RACKETS NEW YORK: United States Open: Second round: G Weste (Cen) bt T Hands (Eng), 15-9, 9-16, 17-15, 15-12. J Neotie (Eng) bt M Maclean (Scot), 6-15, 15-6, 15-9, 15-7.

CANNESS: Star world championship: Third leg: 1, H Vogt and J Fricke (Garl; 2, P Semeraro and C Carli (4); 2, F Scale and A Rosset (t).

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SPORT

England miss chance to boost goal tally as European championship group remains open

Smith's strike proves difference

Turkey. By STUART JONES FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

ALAN Smith, though it was enough to beat Turkey at Wembley last night, may not be sufficient to take England to the finals of the European Championship in Sweden next summer. His header, almost the only bright note in a largely futile display, at least represented two valuable

England increased their lead hut missed the chance to enlarge their total of goals, which could be costly. Assum-ing that the Republic of Ireland beat Turkey, they would have to avoid defeat against Poland in Poznan. Before their opening goal,

England had to ride through some alarmingly, rough water. Unbalanced and heading into a stiff wind, they were in danger of being sunk by a nation which has yet to register a goal in group seven.

The start was bright, almost excessively exuberant, and Turkey might immediately have lost their sweeper during the first genuine attack. Gokhan illegitimately, and crudely, halted Lineker's hurst towards the area and was cautioned. As England's captain would have been clear, the offence could have been worthy of dismissal.

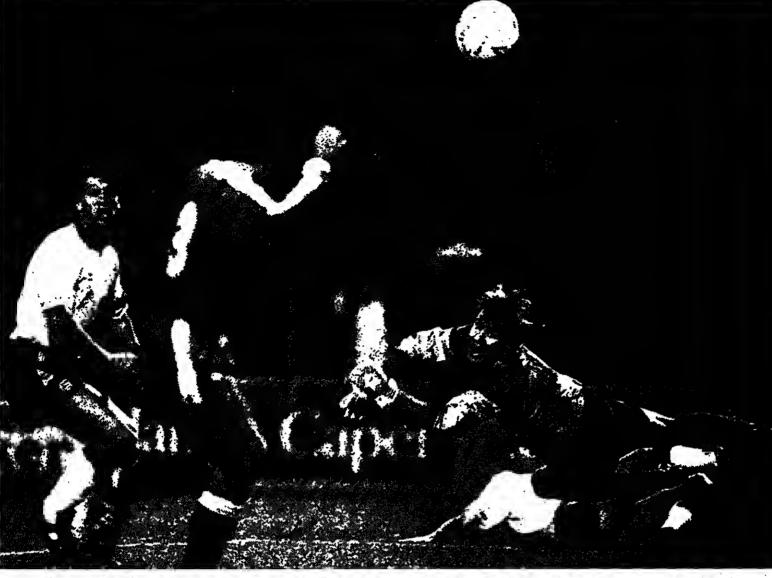
The threats for the next quarter of an hour, though, were all posed by the Turks. Although they employed a frootline of only Feyyaz, they broke from defence with more speed, accuracy and purpose than was evident in England's

Riza, one of two players returning to the arena where they were beaten 8-0 four years ago, began the worrying sequence with a cross designed for the head of the unguarded Feyyaz, His attempt skimmed off the sodden turf and stretched Woods, who was subsequently disturbed by a distant shot from Tugay.

seemed curiously out of shape. Robson, ambling and rambliog through the initial stages, filled the deep position which was supposedly refront two.

Waddle, instead of being allowed to roam freely as had been suggested, was restricted to a conventional wioger's work on the right flank.

Midfield, as well as leaning heavily in his direction, was an area almost devoid of a queue, for a simple nod from creativity. Any pass of more close range. than a few yards was iovari-



Auxious moment: Waddle shoots wide of Hayrettin, the Turkish goalkeeper, as Lineker, the England captain, looks on at Wembley last night



England's formation ably wayward until Batty, neatly midway through the

Significantly, the goal followed withio a mioute. Dixon, served for Batty, who was, whose distribution was and wherever possible, ensurprisingly, prompting the equally inaccurate, did manage to locate his fellow full play his talent. back and Pearce's cross unveiled the vulnerability of Turkey's goalkeeper.

Hayrettin flapped wildly. and in vain, as it sailed over his reach and on to the head of Smith, standing at the head of

But Turkey, as well as being began in the same fashion.

efficiently organised in defence, showed that they could be forceful io attack as well. Oo the half hour, for instance, Uoal struck a drive from the edge of the area Woods had to brush wide.

The same Turk completed the next move with another crisp shot which again prompted Woods to dive to save. At that stage, the sum of England's attacks amounted to significantly less than their inferior opponents.

Waddle alone represented a way through and Robson, belatedly moving forward, whenever he was in possession, turned to his right couraged his colleague to dis-

For some five minutes the ploy was productive. With a series of crosses, he caused confusion amid Turkey's defence and provided opportunities for Platt and Smith, both of which were scomed. The first half drifted to an aimless close and the second

England had lost their sense of urgency and seemed unable to construct positive and incisive

There were only glimpses of hope. Waddle, switching to the left, provided an opening for Lineker but the ball bounced too swiftly for him to take advantage Robson, gaining his 90th cap, almost turned in another cross from Dixoo but still there was no sharp finish to England's

Even when they did find the net some ten minutes from the end when a scrambled effort after a corner had not been cleared, the Spanish referee ruled that a foul had already been committed.

ENGLAND: C Woods (Sheffield Wednesday); L Dison (Arena), S Paerce (Nottengham Forest), D Bally (Leeds), O Wallur (Nottengham Forest), G Mahibuti (Tottenham Hotspur); B Robert (Marchester United), O Platt (Earl), A Smith (Arena), O Lindon (Tottenham Hotspur, captain), C Waddle (Marande)

Welsh supporters are arrested

Nuremberg - Ten Welsh foot- Arrigo Sacchi, former ball supporters were arrested coach of AC Milan, is poised for rowdy behaviour before the European championship Italy's coach. Sacchi is exqualifying match between Wales and Germany, police Italian team for their match said yesterday.

Six were arrested in November 13. W UCIZDI game, while four were arrested match was played. All are being held for causing damage and bodily injury in fights with local supporters, police

About 4,000 Welsh supporters travelled to the game, moved from his post followwhere about 2,000 police were on duty.

☐ Bulgaria beat San Marino 40 in Sofia yesterday in a European champiooship group two match. The win put some capacity until the end of them into third in the group, one point behind Scotland.

to succeed Azeglio Vicini as pected to be in charge of the against Norway in Genoa oo

the Milan club last summer, in Nuremberg where the saying he wanted to enjoy new experiences with a national

June. (Agencies)

under pressure and when

cross, with Bonner stranded, it

was volleyed into the corner

Ireland responded immed-

iately, Cascarino flicking on

Bonner's long kick for Town-

send to leave Wandzik help-

less. Five minutes later,

Townsend, free again, was

denied by Wandzik for a corner, which produced the third goal. Cascarino scoring

Then the roof fell in. Bonner

could only weakly parry a long shot by Czachowski to leave

Furtok with a simple tap in, and Urban got in front of Bonner to meet Czachowski's

deep cross and set the seal on

an astonishing turnaround,

from close range.

The Italian football federation president, Actorio Tuesday that Vicini was reing the elimination of Italy from the finals of the European championships in Sweden. Matarrese said that Vicini will stay with Italy in his contract next

England drop Richards for quarter-final

From DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT IN PARIS

AT LEAST France had 72 hours to accustom themselves to the idea of being without Didier Camberabero, their playmaker, for the World Cup quarter-final against England on Saturday. Yesterday England trimped that by deciding that they could afford to be without Dean Richards, the Leicester No. 8, at the Parc des Princes.

The relegation to the replacements of Richards (who would have equalled John Scott's record 31 appearances at No. 8 had he played) is one of two changes to the side which started the tournament against New Zealand; the other is on the right wing, where Nigel Heslop comes in for Chris Oti. Ironically, the French, too, have dropped their No. 8, Abdelatif Benazzi, in favour of Marc Cecillon, who has not appeared yet in the World Cup but who is deemed to be stronger at mck and maul: precisely Richards's

Neither Richards nor Ou has been dropped before, although the careers of both, particularly Oti, have been speckled with injuries. Mike Teague, who has played so many games at No. 8 for Gloucester, moves across from blind-side flanker, where Mickey Skinner comes in. The decision reconstitutes the back row which played so well for England in 1990 (when Richards was absent all season with a shoulder injury) up to the point when Scotland shattered the grand slam dream. Among their ootable triumphs was a remarkable 26-7 defeat of France at the Parc des

The knowledge that Skinoer, Teague and Peter Winterbottom had played so well in doubtedly a factor in the English management's considerations. "Everyone's been looking at the back-row combinations," Geoff Cooke said yesterday during training at Montmorency. "Dean has been struggling to find his form. We have given him every opportunity and he just hasn't really come up with the

Correspondingly, Teague has played in his usual forceful way and Skinner, acknowledged for his ability to make



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Skinner: big tackler

the big tackles close to the se pieces, comes in for his fifteenth cap.

"If you had suggested a few months ago that Dean should be dropped, I would have said it was inconceivable." Cooke said of the man who was named player of the season last May. "He has been the backbone of so much we have done. He hasn't got natural pace and when things happen quickly, maybe that has something to do with it. I have oo doubt he will be back, and if we get through this one on Saturday, it may be different for the semi-final in Scotland."

On's raw strength, allied to his considerable speed, earned him his place initially in 1988. But his handling has remained suspect and his speed seems to have declined after the knee injury he incurred in 1989. Thus Heslop, a member of the 1991 grand-slam side, recovers his place and must now recover from an inflamed big toe, which prevented himtraining yesterday. Should-it force him out, Simon Halliday will come in.

Since he left the field in Agen on Sunday with a cracked rib, Camberabero's prospects of playing on Saturday, even with a protective corset, had been doubtful. Thierry Lacroix, a goal-kicker like Camberabero, comes in for his seventh cap but, given the limited experience of Fabien Galthie at scrum half, much rests on this new combination.

PRANCE'S Blanco (captain); J-B Latend, P Salle, F. Mespel, P Saint-André, T Lacrob, E Galthé, G Lascubé, P Marcoco, P Onders, E Champ, J-M Cadier, O Rounet, L Cabannes, N Cecition, Replacemento: J-C Sadourry, P Lagique, H Sanz, A Benezzi, P Gimbert, L Agrany, ENGLAND: J Webb; N Heelop, W Certing Jeanabaih J Gusselt, B Linderwood: C (captain), J Guscott, R Underwood; Andrew, R Hit: J Leonard, B Moore, Probyn, M Stidmer, P Actiond, W Dooley, Winterbottom, M Teegue, Replacements

TV figures offer rugby a lesson

first week of the Rugby World match of the tournament, England v New Zealand at ITV's capacity to lure viewers Twickenham, attracted only in their peak hours slots, the third highest figure among attracted 3.79 million viewers the opening five games.
A total of 3.75 million saw

officials suspect the figure may ers. have been higher because offices with a television set would inevitably have contained more than a single afternoon. viewer. They say, however, that the lesson for rugby is that so important an opening fixture should never again be March were just over eight

show that 4.25 million, the million watched the football

ITV viewing figures for the on the first Saturday of the tournament. The France V Cup will show the prime early Romania night game, seen as at the 8pm kick-off. The A total of 3.75 million saw match had probably started the game, although ITV with nearer five million view-

> The lowest figure was 4.9 million for Australia v Argentina on the first Friday

BBC viewing figures for the Grand Slam decider between England and France list arranged for a midweek after- million with 5.75 million being recorded for the Scot-The other figures, to be land-England 1990 Grand released this morning, will Slam match. A total of 25 highest total to date, saw World Cup semi-final be-

Keenan's suspension

Rugby World Cup yesterday biggest game Keenan would confirmed the one-match have played in his career and Keenan, the Western Samoan forward, for Saturday's quar- semed their appeal in a The ter-final against Scotland at page document of 16 parks Murrayfield (Peter Bills graphs. They called video writes).

fair and justified. Sir Ewart said: "The player

Scotland's match with Japan tweeo England and Germany:

upheld by tribunal

consisted of Sir Ewart Bell, the Keenan joined in .: chairman of the disputes committee, Albert Agar, of the Samoa manager, accepted that Rugby Football Union, and they had received a fair hear-Dr Malcolm Little, of the Irish ing but expressed disappoint-Rugby Football Union. They ment. The sending off, for decided that the original de-punching, was the first in the cisioo of the disciplinary com- history of the national team.

concerned was guilty of a serious hreach of law 26. We

AN APPEALS tribunal of the were aware that this was the suspension of Mata'afa we repret this has happened." The Western Samoans pre-

evidence which showed soul-The tribunal, sitting at fling after the Argentinian had Londoo's East India Club, thrown punches, before

Tate Simi. the Western mission, which sat at But Simi promised Keenan Pontypridd on Sunday, was would return for the semi-





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Ireland's lapses dull the sheen

Poland Republic of Ireland...... From PETER BALL

> IRELAND got the draw Jack Charltoo said he wanted, hut it did not come in the way he desired. Some poor defending in the final quarter of last night's European championship group seven match wasted what shaped as one of the finest performances in his and Irwin all contributed to an five years as Republic of

IN POZNAN, POLAND

Ireland manager His team had dominated an ambinious Poland side with some sparkling attacking football to lead 3-1 with 15 mioutes remaining. From there, they allowed Poland to creep back into the game.

The result means that the group will not be decided until the final round of matches next month, ensuring that England have to come to Poznan with all to play for.

But satisfactory as that outcome is to Charlton, the waste of a display of superb football, which answered all the critics of Ireland's approach to the

championship finals, romped

to a 4-0 win over San Marino

in Sofia in a group two

qualifying match yesterday.

nine-man San Marino de-

Valentini, the San Marino

fence, laboured at times in

defender, conceded the first

goal when a long-range shot

been on defensive security. Bonner's long kick to send dence of defensive insecurity That fell apart last night.

were irresistible, the oew formation proving a triumph as their five-man midfield covered every inch of Lech Stadium to strike, time and again, at the heart of a naive defence. McGrath, Townsend and Cascarino scored splendid goals, and there could have been more. All three were outstanding.

and Keane, Morris, Sheedy excellent team performance. But even in such company Townsend stood out. Those who believe the Chelsea cap-tain is now the best midfield player in the country would have found much to substantiate their claims vesterday as his strong tireless running destroyed the Polish midfield.

The tactie of a packed midfield did not alter Ireland's belief in getting the ball forward quickly and it was as he broke up an attack, raced soon flying high and long free and exchanged passes towards Cascaring, the lone with Keane to round the forward, who was starting an keeper. That move deminternational for the first time onstrated Ireland's qualities.

Stoichkov converted the pen-

group ooe qualifying match.

Albania 2-1 yesterday in their keeper.

in the 85th minute.

the area 17 minutes later and 14 points in the group.

alty. Yankov made it 3-0 kia's first goal in the 36th

Townsend racing through for came as Ireland failed to clear Yet for the first hour Ireland a shot which was saved at full stretch. It was to be repeated. . McGrath hooked out Ziober's effectively, later. It took only 11 minutes for

Ireland's rampant midfield to by Czachowski. tear Poland apart. McGrath began the move with an acute pass to Cascarino and then moved forward to glance a free header past Wandzik as he met Sheedy's cross.

Before that, Poland had looked equally dangerous, Furtok, Urban and the speedy Ziober suggesting that they were capable of posing serious problems. They might have had a penalty as Keane rashly lunged at Czachowski, who was to make a key cootribution to his side's recovery.

But there was little doubting Ireland's strength, only a splendid save denying Cascarino as he met Sheedy's corner and a narrow offside decision frustrating Townsend

Poland, however, held out A sign of the style's effec- until the interval and came game, will grieve a manager tiveoess came in the opening back after the restart to snatch whose priority has always minutes as Cascarino met an equaliser. The first evi-

POLAND: J Wandzik (Panethinskus); O Kubidd (Aslon Villa; sub: A Lastek, Catowica), D Wdowczyk (Cetio), P Czachowed (Lubin), P Soczynski (Feneraline), J Mawrocki (VFB Modeling; sub: D Skrzypczek, Lech Poznan), P Caresiewicz (Nescy), J Urban (Osasuna), J Furtok (Hemburg), R Koseeki (Gaistaseny), J Zober (Montpeliar), REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: P Bonner (Cetic); O Irwin (Manchester United), S Saurkon (Aslon Villa; sub: T Philan, Windleich), D O'Lessy (Arsens), K Morze (Biachtum Rovers), A Townsend (Chelsen), P McCrath (Aston Villa), C Morris (Cetic), R Kanne (Notifinghum Fonet), A Cascerino (Cetic), K Sheedy (Everton). Bulgaria gain consolation victory

> kick. Kula's volley flew past sent off a minute later for Czechoslovakia defeated Strakosha, the Albanian goal- persistent foul play. Czechoslovakia now lie in Lancz added a second goal second place to the table, with Neither of the teams had a in the fortieth minute after a ten points from seveo chance of qualifying because clever move down the left matches. Spain are third, Ice-

BULGARIA, with no chance bounced into the oet in the ter-final place by beating Frydek Both teams cootinued of qualifying for the European twentieth minute. A San Ma- Spain 2-1 last week, giving to struggle in a slow-paced rino player handled the ball in them an uncatchable lead of second half before Zmijani drove a spectacular 62nd-Kula scored Czechoslova- minute shot into the upper right-hand corner of The Bulgarians might have before half-time and Iliev minute, following a pass from Miklosko's net for Albania's scored more but, faced with a volleyed home from 12 yards Danek after Jurasko's free- goal Milori, of Albania, was

from Penev hit his foot and France had clinched the quar- wing, which also involved land fourth and Albania last.

final, if they won.